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THE KUOMINTANG

COMMUNISTS MAY BE ADMITTED.

SPLIT HEALED.

The Congress of the Kuomintang Party in Canton was brought to a close on Tuesday amid much rejoicing, because there was at one time the threat of a permanent split, even up to the time when the Congress was opened. But the timely appearance of Madame Sun Yat-sen on the platform and her stirring appeal for unity of members of the Party, created a profound impression on the minds of the delegates and following her speech Mr. Sun Fo arrived with the news that a common understanding had been reached with all the organizations of the Party in the North, and with a full explanation of the circumstances which brought about the menace of a split.

In all subsequent sessions, all antagonism disappeared, and the business was transacted without a hitch. Although a resolution was passed to penalise certain members of the 'Right' section, subsequent counter-resolutions were adopted conferring power on the Central Executive Committee to rescind the former resolution directly after the two sections have agreed on a common platform, which is to be declared in a few days by General Chang Kai-shek, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Chang Ching-kong.

The following are the principal points which comprise the platform:

1st.—The Right section to declare its loyalty, adherence to the will of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and consent to admit Communists into the Party on account of political necessity.

2nd.—Joint action to be agreed upon by both sections for the purpose of limiting the sphere of activity of the Communists.

3rd.—The Left section to declare its willingness to co-operate with the Right section, and undertake in future not to do anything detrimental to their interests.

4th.—The Canton Government shall be permitted to employ members of the Left section in its councils.

5th.—Lin Sum, Chow Loo and others shall be given office in the Government.

The full text will be published shortly.

THE RUBBER QUESTION.

MR. HOOVER SHARPLY CRITICISED.

New York, Jan. 20.

Sharp criticism of Mr. Hoover's handling of the rubber situation is voiced by the Democratic organ, *The World*, which contends that Mr. Hoover's actions throughout have been full of idiosyncrasies. He attacks the British Trust, but seems to forget that he belongs to a Government that believes in protecting American Trusts by the highest possible tariff. Similarly, he insists that he does not wish to advise retaliatory measures, but he recently expressed the view that public opinion would demand that American banks refuse loans to Britain if the Stevenson Act remains in force.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TANG NERVOUS

FEARS ATTACK ON HAINAN.

MORE CRUISERS WANTED.

A report from Hoihow states that General Tang Poon-yan, owing to conditions which are developing unfavourably to him, has sent urgent telegrams and also a representative to Admiral Togo Shik-kwai requesting him to despatch two more warships to Hainan in view of the coming invasion by the Canton Army. It is said that Tang is much perturbed over the present situation, in view of the fact that it is possible for an invading army to cross the Straits during foggy weather and land on the island unawares. The three Northern warships are, therefore, inadequate to patrol the straits in unfavourable weather.

COMING COUNCIL.

With regard to operations in other spheres, it is reported in Canton that on or about the 25th instant, Mr. Wang Ching-wai and General Chang Kai-shek will proceed to Wuchow to hold a Military Council with General Li Chung-yan and Wong Shui-hung. The deliberations of this Council will probably decide whether China will be involved in a lengthy civil war on the Yangtze Valley. It is surmised that the object of the Council is to consolidate the Provinces of Yunnan, Kwelchow, Szechuen, Hunan, Kwangsi, Kwangtung and Fukien.

GAMBLING MONOPOLY.

NO RENEWAL IN INDO-CHINA.

Paris, Jan. 20.

According to a communique issued to the Press by the Ministry of the Colonies, the information published by certain papers according to which the Government General of Indo-China is considering the re-establishment of the gambling monopoly is without foundation. The Department of Colonies is not in receipt of any proposition from the Government of Indo-China on this subject; and there is no question of measures of this nature being taken.—*Indopacific*.

FRENCH MINING CRISIS.

HEADING FOR GENERAL STRIKE.

Paris, Jan. 20.

A delegation of miners called on the Minister, M. de Monzie, and pointed out to him the difference in wages in the North, the Pas-de-Calais and in the secondary Bassins.

The National Council of Miners has affirmed its resolution to obtain satisfaction before the end of the month, or else it will take a referendum on the question of a general strike.—*Indopacific*.

COAL SUBSIDY.

EXTENSION TO BE PROPOSED.

London, Jan. 20.

A meeting of the Cabinet took place yesterday, and fixed the programme of the new Parliamentary session, comprising the consideration of numerous industrial problems. With regard to the coal subsidy, the Premier, in spite of much opposition, will propose its extension.—*Indopacific*.

STRIKE ECHO.

DISTORTED STATEMENTS CORRECTED.

ABSURD BILL.

It being considered desirable to correct distorted statements concerning the 1922 seamen's strike, the Hon. Colonial Secretary has issued the following communique on the subject:

The Final Agreement was signed on March 5th, 1922, and Clause 2 reads as follows:—

"A date will be fixed for the general return to work. From the time of leaving until such date, men will receive half pay according to the new scale. Men may be re-instated on any of their own Company's vessels or such other vessels as may be mutually agreed upon. If positions are not available for men ready to return to work as above, it is agreed that half pay shall continue for such period as the men are not employed, but not exceeding five and a half (5½) months from the date of the general return to work. This half pay will be administered from a Fund under the control of a duly appointed Administrator."

The "Fund under the control of a duly appointed Administrator" is a reference to Sir R. Ho Tung's (generous) promise to provide such money as might be necessary for the payment of post-settlement half-pay, under the conditions of the Agreement. The payment of half-pay during the strike up to the date of the return to work was a matter for the companies concerned. It was understood that the Administrator referred to would be appointed when circumstances required his services.

No date was actually fixed for the general return to work; for on the publication of the settlement the seamen in Hongkong flocked back to their ships at once. Those who had returned to Canton and the country during the strike returned in troops during the next few days, and as far as is known all found employment at once. The officials of the Seamen's Union were given facilities to watch the signing of crews; and it was understood that they would bring to notice cases where difficulties arose over reinstatement or re-employment. No single case of the nature was brought to notice by the Union officials or through any other channel; and the circumstances made it highly improbable that any such cases existed, for all of the many ships that had been detained in the Harbour on account of the strike were hurried away to sea as soon as crews could be found for them.

Nothing further in fact was heard of the post settlement conditions of the agreement until October 7th—seven months after the date of settlement. On and after that date Sir Robert Ho Tung received demands from the Seamen's Union for large sums on account of pre-settlement and of post settlement half pay, making a total of some \$340,000. In all, Sir Robert replied asking that the claim should be forwarded to the proper quarter for examination in the first instance and the correctness of the individual amounts be verified and apportionments certified before he could make the disbursements falling on him to pay through the "appointed Administrator."

On October 26th in consequence the Seamen's Union duly presented their claim to the Chairman of the Shipowners Committee: who invoked the assistance of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in its consideration. A test case showed at once that accounts entered in the bill for pre-settlement half pay had already been paid and witnessed by representatives of the Union; and immediate enquiries from a few important companies revealed the fact that the shipowners generally had duly discharged their liabilities in this regard.—*(Continued on Page 7.)*

AT WUCHOW.

PICKETS AND PORTUGUESE STEAMERS.

SEIZURE OF OIL.

Our Wuchow correspondent, writing under date of the 14th instant, says:

The Sai Hing Steamship Co. despatched their two stern-wheel boats Dilly and Goa from Canton last week, with the intention of taking up the regular run again. On arrival here they were boarded by strike pickets and the Captain and agents were informed that while the two vessels flew the Portuguese flag they would not be permitted to trade. Only vessels flying the Chinese National flag were allowed to clear from this port. I heard that the Sai Hing Co. wished to transfer these two boats to the Chinese flag but the Portuguese Consul at Canton offered strong objections.

A consignment of 1,800 tons of kerosene arrived here during the week from one of the down-river stage ports, under military protection. The strike pickets examined the shipment and concluded that it was A. P. C. oil, because it happened to be in plain tins, and confiscated the lot, despite the military escort. The military have a plentiful supply of fuel oil for in addition to the purchases made from the A. P. C. it is said they have been receiving supplies at an up-river port from Pakhoi. The Canton Oil Monopoly Bureau is reported as having opened up an office as far up this way as Dosing.

The Electric Light Co. has been able to secure some supplies of fuel oil, so that the city is still supplied with current, which is fortunate for all concerned.

A news from Nanning states that all business is suffering from the large amount of bad coinage—20 cent pieces—that has been put on the market. Even the Kwangsi note is at about 20 per cent premium, while the Hongkong note is near 80 per cent premium. The merchants prefer to do their buying and selling by barter than to handle the coinage.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

MR. A. J. KEW—MISS B. R. ABLONG.

A wedding of considerable interest took place this afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur James Kew, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Kew, and Miss Beatrice Rose Ablong, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Ablong. The Rev. G. R. Lindsay was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. E. Ablong, was attired in a gown of champagne with shadow lace, and she carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and white roses. Accompanying her were Miss Violet Kew (sister of the bridegroom) as bridesmaid and Misses Nora Kew (sister of the bridegroom) and Patsy Ablong (niece of the bride) as flower girls. The bridesmaid wore a dress of mauve tulle, with hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink roses, whilst the flower girls were attired in dresses of blue and pink tulle, with hats to match, and they both carried baskets of sweet peas.

Mr. W. M. Gittens discharged the duties of "best man."

After the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 333 Nathan Road, at which the usual toasts were honoured.

TOURISTS HERE.

"BELGENLAND'S" WORLD CRUISE.

NOTED VISITORS.

The Red Star liner *Belgenland*, the largest vessels yet to circumnavigate the globe, steamed leisurely into Hongkong Harbour on schedule at about eight o'clock this morning. This is her second world cruise and she has on board four hundred passengers, chiefly Americans.

She took up a position opposite the Harbour Office, making use of a Harbour Department buoy for the first time.

The tourists are to remain in Hongkong for five days and, for obvious reasons, the party has been divided into groups, four in number, each of which will have its own itinerary in the respect that while Macao, the Peak, Repulse Bay will be visited by all the tourists, while all will experience the enjoyment to be derived from the trip round the new Territories, and while all will have days when individual action will be the rule, it has been so arranged that the groups will not clash. To-day, for instance, one party has gone to Macao where all points of interest will be visited, a second party is viewing Hongkong from the Peak, another group is no doubt appreciating the beauties of the New Territories, whilst others are spending a shopping day in town.

The police have done their best to avoid any inconvenience to the tourists by the issue of big white cards to certain rickshaws and chair coolies, and passengers are advised to use them and pay no money to the coolies, but to leave the matter in the hands of the police who will pay him on presentation of his card at the police station. Hagglers over ricksha fares is one of the worst nuisances which beset the traveller in the East and this arrangement should do much to render the visit of the tourists more pleasant.

SOME NOTABLES.

Amongst the passengers of note on board, mention may be made of Captain William Wyndham, retired British army officer, who has a record of 80 years service for his government first in the army, which he entered at the age of 16, and then in the diplomatic service, serving in Haiti, Cutch and French Guiana, Brazil, Barcelona, Spain and later in Chicago and Boston. Mrs. Wyndham is accompanying him on the trip. Mr. B. A. McAfee is a British newspaperman now resident in Paris, with a charming French wife. Dale Collins, the British author of the novels "The Ordeal" and "The Haven" which have been dramatized and presented on the London stage, hails from Australia but now makes his home in England. He is leaving the party this morning by the str. Amazon.

An authority on immigration is Mr. Robert E. Tod, a New York banker and former U. S. Commissioner. He believes that America's new laws are solving in part the problems of immigration but is all for making the process of naturalization slower and more thorough. Among those who help to harness the marvellous power of Niagara Falls are Mr. Paul A. Schoellkopf and Mr. Peter A. Porter, Jr., the original owner of the riparian rights of the Falls. Brig-Gen. Henry Clay Hodges, Jr., a retired officer of the American Army, travelling with his wife, Mr. James H. MacMurray, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Illinois Women's College, and Mrs. MacMurray, and Mr. George D. Shephardson, professor of electrical engineering in the University of Minnesota represent different angles of American life.

Prominent among the women on the trip is Miss Mary Winsor, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, a member of the National Council of the National Woman's Party of America, and a representative of (Continued on Page 7.)

ECONOMY AXE.

NO INCREASE OF TAXATION.

MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH.

London, Jan. 20.

If the Government was supported in the economy scheme which they had prepared, no addition to the burden of taxation would be necessary, declared Mr. Winston Churchill, when speaking at the Leeds Chamber of Commerce, but if the economy scheme was pulled to pieces and whittled down, the bill must be paid. He announced that when Parliament met, an economy Bill would be introduced covering the whole field of expenditure. Every department would be asked to make sacrifices. He declared that a policy of true economy would not be complete if it did not provide for wise expenditure. The Government's main constructive measure would be a great scheme of electrical development. "If this island is to continue to support the present immense population it cannot afford to be behind any part of the world in scientific organisation and equipment. Science and goodwill are the only two horses strong enough to pull our wagon up the hill." Mr. Churchill mentioned that the coal subsidy would probably approximate £21,000,000, three-quarters of which would go to paying the wages of miners.—*Reuter*.

MEXICAN PETROLEUM

U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S DEFINITION.

Washington, Jan. 20.

Mr. Kellogg, in a formal statement, has said that the position of the United States with regard to the Mexican land and petroleum laws was that they contained provisions "plainly retroactive and confiscatory in their effect." He added that in the absence of a reply from the Mexican Government to the American representations on the subject delivered on January 9th, he was not disposed to comment further.—*Reuter*.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.
The United States Ambassador has received from the Mexican Foreign Office a reply to his recent Note, protesting against the retroactive legislation. He declines to discuss the contents of the reply.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRENCH MINING CRISIS.

INCREASED WAGES DEMANDED.

Paris, Jan. 20.

The National Council of the Federation of French Mineworkers has passed a resolution declaring that unless wages are increased by January 31st, to compensate for increased cost of living a referendum will be taken on the question of a general strike of French miners.—*Reuter*.

DUTCH AIRMEN MISSING.

GRAVE FEARS AS TO FATE.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.

Grave misgiving is felt regarding the fate of the pilot and observer of an army flier, which left Schiphol yesterday for coastal defence practice. It is feared that they have been lost in a snowstorm. A destroyer search of the sea has proved fruitless.—*Reuter*.

NO ALLIANCE.

LIBERAL ATTITUDE TO LABOUR.

LL. GEORGE'S SPEECH.

London, Jan. 20.

Rumours that he intended to launch a movement for a Liberal and Labour alliance were promptly scotched by Mr. Lloyd George in a speech at Carnarvon. He said it was unwise for Liberals to negotiate an alliance with any party, and should concentrate their energies on securing a large Liberal representation in the next Parliament. When that was achieved it was time enough to consider co-operation with men prepared to support a programme it approved, whether that involved a coalition Government or not.—*Reuter*.

THE IMMEDIATE TASK.

Rugby, Jan. 20.

Addressing a Liberal meeting at Carnarvon this evening, Mr. Lloyd George stated his attitude towards the Labour Party, which has been the subject recently of much speculation and gossip. He began by declaring that the experiment of 1924 when the Labour Government was put into power without conditions, without an understanding, without stipulating for consultation was a bad political blunder on the part of the Liberal Party. As one who acquiesced in that action, he took his full share of the blame. So far as he was concerned, such an episode should not occur again. Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George said no political prophet could predict that the Labour Party would acquire an absolute majority for many elections to come. Experience had proved that there was a rapid limit to the growth of Socialism beyond which it could not spread. What was the duty of the Liberal Party in the face of that contingency? On full reflection and deliberation it was his judgment that it would not be wise for Liberalism at this moment to negotiate an alliance with any Party. Prudence dictated that Liberalism would make a powerful position for itself with the view to securing a large representation in the next Parliament. The duty of Liberals was to go on with their support for Liberal principles and Liberal ideals. They had three or four years until the next General Election in which to reach and teach the nation. He predicted that Liberalism at the next election would count more than at any time since 1910. Mr. Lloyd George concluded: "Let us rally to our standard the millions of men and women for whom Liberalism supplies the best answer to questions that perplex them regarding the social and economic problems of the nation. This must be our immediate task."—*British Wireless*.

THE BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

A SUGGESTION TO FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 20.

At the opening of the Hungarian Parliament, the President declared that the affair of the false bank notes had threatened the work of reconstitution and the reputation of the country.

M. Bethlin, President of the Council, gave an assurance of his desire to carry out the inquiry. He said that the national sovereignty of Hungary should be protected, and that France ought not to mix herself in the inquiry, but should confine herself to the task of establishing the number of false notes made.—*Indopacific*.

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HONGKONG AND CANTON.

BREAKDOWN OF
NEGOTIATIONS.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary has released the following for publication:

His Excellency the Governor soon after his arrival, following a gesture of friendship in a speech at the University, took advantage of the presence in the Colony of a merchant delegation from Canton to announce that the Government would be willing to appoint a scrupulous deputation of influential merchants to visit Canton to initiate discussions with a view to a settlement, provided that the Canton Government would appoint delegates of equal standing and responsibility to meet them. The proposal was conveyed to the Canton Government, and was met with the reply that:

- the strikers would elect three members of their Committee to be delegates with full powers to negotiate, one of them almost certainly being the Chairman of the Strike Committee;
- the merchants would also elect one prominent merchant to be a member of the delegation; this would probably be the Chairman of the Canton General Chamber of Commerce;
- other members of the Strike Committee, probably six, and perhaps one or two additional merchants, would be present at the negotiations to watch the proceedings; and
- that a minor Cantonese official could be attached to the delegation as Secretary.

This reply failed to respond to the spirit in which the suggestion of the Hongkong Government had been made, and it was felt that no useful purpose would be served by a conference between a delegation not appointed by the Canton Government, and the gentlemen whom the Hongkong Government had nominated. Efforts were therefore made by Hongkong to open negotiations upon other lines.

2. These efforts took the form of a suggestion that Hongkong officials of high standing should be added to the Colony's delegation, and that the Canton Government should take similar action on their part; both delegations to be armed with full powers from their respective Governments for the settlement of all outstanding questions. The Canton Government, however, took the attitude that it could only appoint representatives to act as mediators; and the position that the Hongkong Government should appoint a delegation including officials as plenipotentiary delegates, appearing as principals *vis a vis* the Canton delegation described above, whereas Canton would only appoint officers "to mediate," was one that could not be accepted.

3. An interchange of visits between important officials of Hongkong and Canton then took place, and discussions were held on the lines of separating the "political" and so-called "economic" questions at issue. It was considered that negotiation on the "economic" side could best be conducted by Chinese business men, and on the understanding so reached, the Hongkong Government acquiesced in the suggestion for a visit to Canton by a delegation of

INDIAN POLITICS.

RETIRING VICEROY'S APPEAL
FOR CO-OPERATION.

Dolhi, Jan. 20.

The Legislative Assembly was opened in state for the last time by the retiring Viceroy, Lord Reading, in bright sunshine, the streets being lined by troops.

The chamber was crowded, and presented a brilliant spectacle. The Viceroy sat in a golden chair set on a crimson carpet, and all the officials were uniform. Large crowds cheered Lord Reading's arrival and departure.

The Viceroy in a speech announced that the King had approved of the appointment of a Royal Commission on Agriculture in India. He said that he and his Government fully sympathised with Indian feeling in regard to anti-Indian legislation in South Africa. The Indian deputation to South Africa had already obtained valuable information, and the Government of India still hoped to persuade the Union Government that there was the strongest ground for a conference on the whole question, which was now at a stage of negotiation. He hoped that a cause which appeared to have justice and equity on its side would prevail, and a basis of discussion with the Union Government be reached.

The Viceroy greatly regretted that Indian political leaders had not made a better response to Lord Birkenhead's message of sympathetic encouragement, and said that Britain's heart would have been won by immediate acceptance of the advances made. Though there had been some change of tone and temper of the politicians towards the Government, he wished it had been more unmistakable, and trusted that at the ensuing session there would be a clear manifestation of attitude as generous and well-intentioned as that which had prompted the appeal, and a new era would dawn of a more sympathetic understanding, a more widespread trust, and more universal goodwill. — *Reuter*.

Eight prominent Chinese appointed by the Chinese Community. It was understood that this delegation would deal directly with the Strike Committee, and would negotiate with them the "economic" questions, namely, strike pay and compensation for loss of employment, leaving all "political" questions for later consideration between the two Governments; the Strike and the Boycott to cease on the settlement of the "economic" questions.

On reaching Canton, however, on 30th. December, the delegation of eight found that no assistance could be looked for from the Canton Government towards meeting the Strike Committee and discussing the "economic" terms with them, unless they were also prepared to discuss and settle with the Strike Committee at the same time "political" terms. For this, the delegation clearly could have no authority: its members thoroughly explored every possible avenue for negotiation, and left no doubt of their sincerity, but the visit proved entirely fruitless, and they returned to the Colony on January 2nd.

The Hongkong Government is prepared at any time to resume negotiations, but in the circumstances detailed cannot see that any useful purpose will be served by any further delegation to Canton at the present time, and it now remains for the Canton Government on its side to give evidence of sincerity by making the next advance.

BRITISH ELECTRICAL POWER.

A GIGANTIC SCHEME.

Rugby, Jan. 20.

It is anticipated that the Bill containing the Government's electricity proposals, outlined in a speech a few days ago by the Premier, will be presented to Parliament early after its reassembly at the beginning of February. Meanwhile, the Minister of Transport is holding a series of conferences with representatives of electrical manufacturers and other industries likely to be affected in order that their views may be heard and a large measure of agreement obtained in the terms of the Bill. The scheme provides for the establishment of a National Board to control the supply of electrical power throughout the country by closing inadequately equipped generating stations and supplying their areas through existing arrangements for distribution with electricity generated in sixty modern super-stations at a lower cost. All super-stations will be linked up by a network of power cables and the frequency will be standardised throughout the country at fifty cycles per second. — *British Wireless*.

CANCER RESEARCH.

Rugby, Jan. 20.

Leeds University appeal fund for £500,000, for cancer research work has now resulted in over £250,000 being raised. — *British Wireless*.

A SILK STORY.

NOT SO WIDE AS CONTRACTED FOR.

Messrs. P. M. Pinguet and Co. of 17 Queen's Road Central, were defendants in an action yesterday morning, in which Kwok Wah and Co. of 37 Wing On Street, sued them in respect of some silk, claiming damages for breach of contract. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. G. Vaux for the defendants. The plaintiffs claimed to have suffered damage through a breach of contract by the defendants. They contracted with defendants for the delivery of ten pieces of artificial silk at \$661.28. Plaintiffs rejected the silk because it did not comply with a stipulation in the contract as to width.

It was less than 28 inches wide which was the width contracted for and that therefore the stuff was unsaleable. It was stated by the defendants that of the ten pieces supplied six were between 25 and 30 inches wide and that four pieces were of lesser width. Plaintiffs opened all the boxes and unpacked all the silk and measured it without giving the defendant notice as to what was wrong with it. It was submitted that plaintiffs after examining one or two pieces should have given notice that it was narrow and should not have touched the other pieces. They further submitted that the silk was of such a nature that it was impossible even for an expert to

CHINAC OAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain A. H. Bathurst, from reserve, has gone master, Kansu. Mr. R. E. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kansu.

Mr. J. W. Jenkins, chief officer, Chenah, has gone supply officer, Chungking. Mr. I. Newton, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Chenah.

Mr. W. R. Paul, from reserve, has gone second officer, Yingchow. Mr. W. J. King, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. D. J. Nicholas, chief officer, Nanchang, is on reserve.

Captain A. Dockwrey, from reserve, has gone master, Waishing. Mr. A. J. N. Wood, chief officer, Kungwo, has gone acting master, Yatsing. Captain J. S. Masson, of the Yatsing, is on leave.

Mr. T. Fairbairn, second officer, Kungwo, has gone acting chief officer, same ship. Mr. H. O. Lewis, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kungwo.

Mr. J. R. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, Pingwo. Mr. J. Black, second engineer, Suwo, has gone acting chief engineer, Chungwo. Mr. E. McNab, second engineer, Kungwo, has gone second engineer, Suwo. — *Shipping and Engineering*.

measure it accurately and handling it caused it to shrink so that the width decreased.

The case was adjourned by Mr. Justice Wood until this afternoon when the silk is to be produced and measured.

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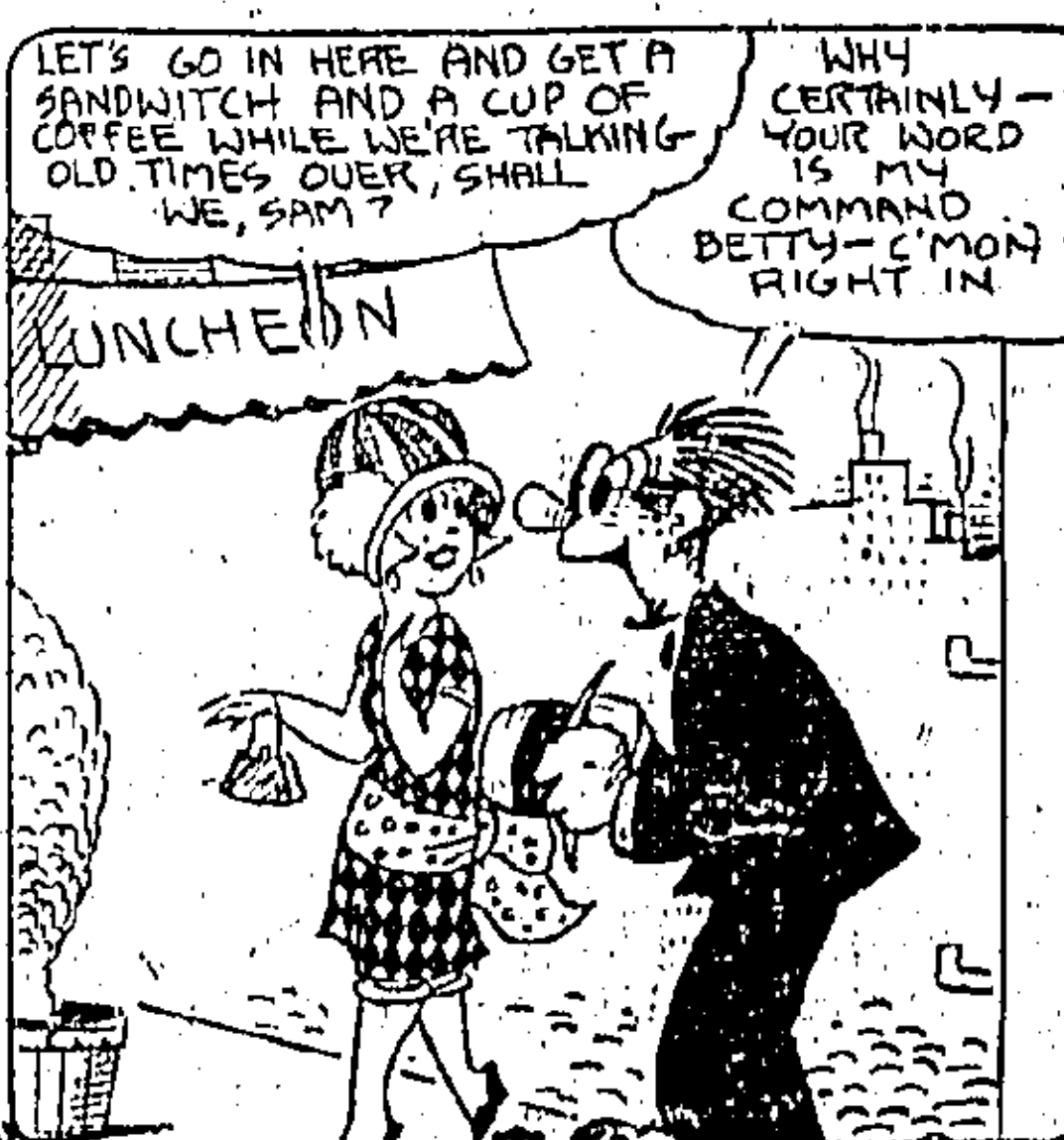
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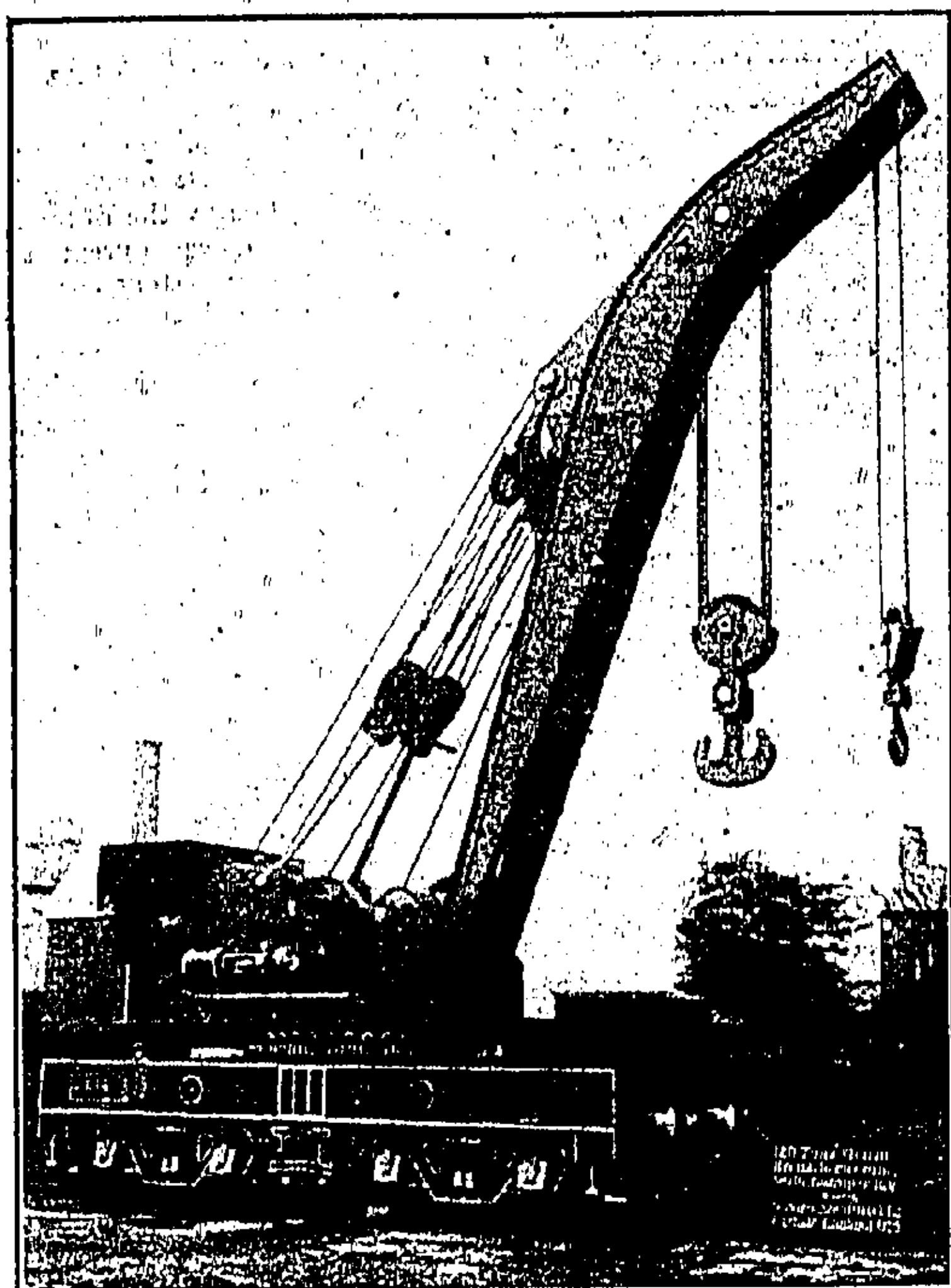
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Large Railway Crane.



This is a picture of the 120-ton steam breakdown crane which has been built for the South Australian Railway, by Messrs. Cowans, Sheldon and Co., Ltd. of Carlisle. It is the largest railway crane ever built in England.

German Flying Ace Re-Buried.



President Hindenburg at the grave of Baron von Richthofen, the German flying ace, who has been re-buried in Berlin.

Oxford v. Cambridge at Twickenham.



Cambridge beat Oxford by 33 points to 3 in the University match at Twickenham. Our picture shows Sir T. G. Devitt, crossing the Oxford goal-line. On this occasion, however, no try was allowed as he had taken the ball from a forward pass.—(Times copyright).

The Turkish Christian Deportations.



The Laidoner Report on the Turkish deportations in the Mosul district was presented to the Council of the League of Nations recently. It indicts the Turks of pillage and massacre and confirms the accounts of deportations of Christians from villages near the Brussels line. Our picture shows General Laidoner (centre) questioning refugees during his tour. (Times copyright).

Rare Feast For Zoo.



A Himalayan bear at the Zoological Garden, London, enjoying an unaccustomed meal of ice. In the natural state, Himalayan bears hibernate. (Times copyright).

Winter Scenes in Holland.



A picturesque scene on the Kralingscheplas, just outside Rotterdam, photographed during the recent cold weather. (Times copyright).

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INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS.

A Dinner will be held on Friday, February 19th, 1926. Full details will be circulated as soon as possible.
Members are requested to keep this date open.

P. T. FARRELL,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd.
March 1926.

The United Services Cup.

Notice is hereby given that the conditions for this Race have been altered and should read as under—

CONDITIONS. A Cup will be presented to the Winner with \$400 added. Second \$250. Third \$150. *or China Ponies the "bona fide" property of and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Regular Forces. "Polo Ponies" leased by Officers will, for the purpose of this Race, be considered as the "bona fide" property of such Officers. Catch weight at 160 lbs. Entrance \$5. Once Round (about 7 Furlongs 55 yards).

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that as two cases of rabies have recently been reported in the Colony, I am not until further notice prepared to give permits (in accordance with Government Notification No. 585 of 24th October 1924) for dogs to cross the harbour unless I am satisfied of urgent necessity in each case.

M. J. REI-Y,
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY 27th January 1926 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 15th January to Wednesday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 20th January, 1926, to Thursday, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRANFELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Entries for the forthcoming races close on Saturday, January 23rd 1926, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary c/o Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead and Davis.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, has been posted to all Members, whose names appear on the books of the Society for last year.

The annual subscription to the Society of \$5 is now due and persons interested in Horticulture and desiring to become Members should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell c/o Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central at 3.30 p.m. Saturday February 6th 1926, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 30th January to Saturday, 6th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 21st Jan. 1926.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LTD. and CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees of Cargo per Company's Steamers

"MEM NON"

From New York via Singapore are hereby notified that the Cargo having arrived per S.S. "MENTOR" from Singapore will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 21st January.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Jan. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th Feb. 1926, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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21st January 1926.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 22nd January, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

1 Case Sewing Machine Heads.
1 Case Electric Goods.
1 Case Woollen Caps.
2 Cases Wooden Labels.
Also
1 Case Microscopes.
And
(for account of the concerned).
8 Cases Cap Cloth.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 18, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1926; commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 231, Nathan Road (No. 4 Ley's Building), Ground Floor, Kowloon,

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—
Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Teak Hatstand with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Desk and Bookcase combined, Mantel Clock, Carpets, etc., etc.,
Teak Extension Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dinner Wagon, Crockery, Cooking Utensils, E. P. Ware, Glass Ware, etc., etc.,
Teak Bedsteads, Teak Double Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dressing Table with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Chest of Drawers, Teak and Marble Top Wash Stand, etc., etc.,
also
A Few Pieces of Canton Blackwood Ware
and
1 Gas Cooking Stove
and
1 Iron Safe by "Cyrus Price and Co."

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Tuesday, the 26th January, 1926.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 20, 1926.

By Order of the Mortgagees

Of the Valuable Leasehold property situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and known as

Section C of the Northern Portion of the Praya Reclamation to the remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 69 together with No. 39 Des Voeux Road, West and No. 71 Connaught Road, West erected thereon. Area 2,420 square feet, Crown rent \$44.71.

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A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods,
Comprising:

Hospital Supplies, Timber, Wire, Whisky, Brandy, Firecrackers, Horse Boxes, Oil, Paint, Chinaware, Electric Wire, Medicine, Wine, Native Cigars, etc., etc.

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Of the Valuable Leasehold property situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and known as

Marine Lot No. 345 together with No. 119 Connaught Road, Central and No. 237 Des Voeux Road Central erected thereon. Area 2,240 square feet, Crown rent \$2.00

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FRENCH TAXES.

LENGTHY DEBATES RESULTED.

Paris, Jan. 20.
At a meeting of the Finance Committee, M. Doumer objected to the proposals adopted by the Committee as entailing lengthy debates and incapable of providing the necessary immediate resources. He gave his assurance that he would willingly examine, when the Finance Bill comes under discussion, the indirect taxes adopted by the Committee, but he insisted upon the immediate adoption of the only proper measures to assure the equilibrium and the straightening out of the Budget. He concluded by saying that "the country will be very hard on those who seek to lead it to fresh inflation and to the catastrophes which will follow."

According to *Ere Nouvelle* and to *L'Ouvre*, M. Briand will not put forward a question of confidence but will leave the two Chambers to give their decisions.—*Indopacific*.

ANOTHER LONG FLIGHT.

DANISH MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

Copenhagen, Jan. 20.
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THE FRENCH DEBT.

Washington, Jan. 20.
M. Henry Berenger, the new French Ambassador, told President Coolidge that France was resolved to settle her war debts "as promptly and fully as her present and future possibilities would allow."—*Reuter's American Service*.

"HAWKINS" DANCE.

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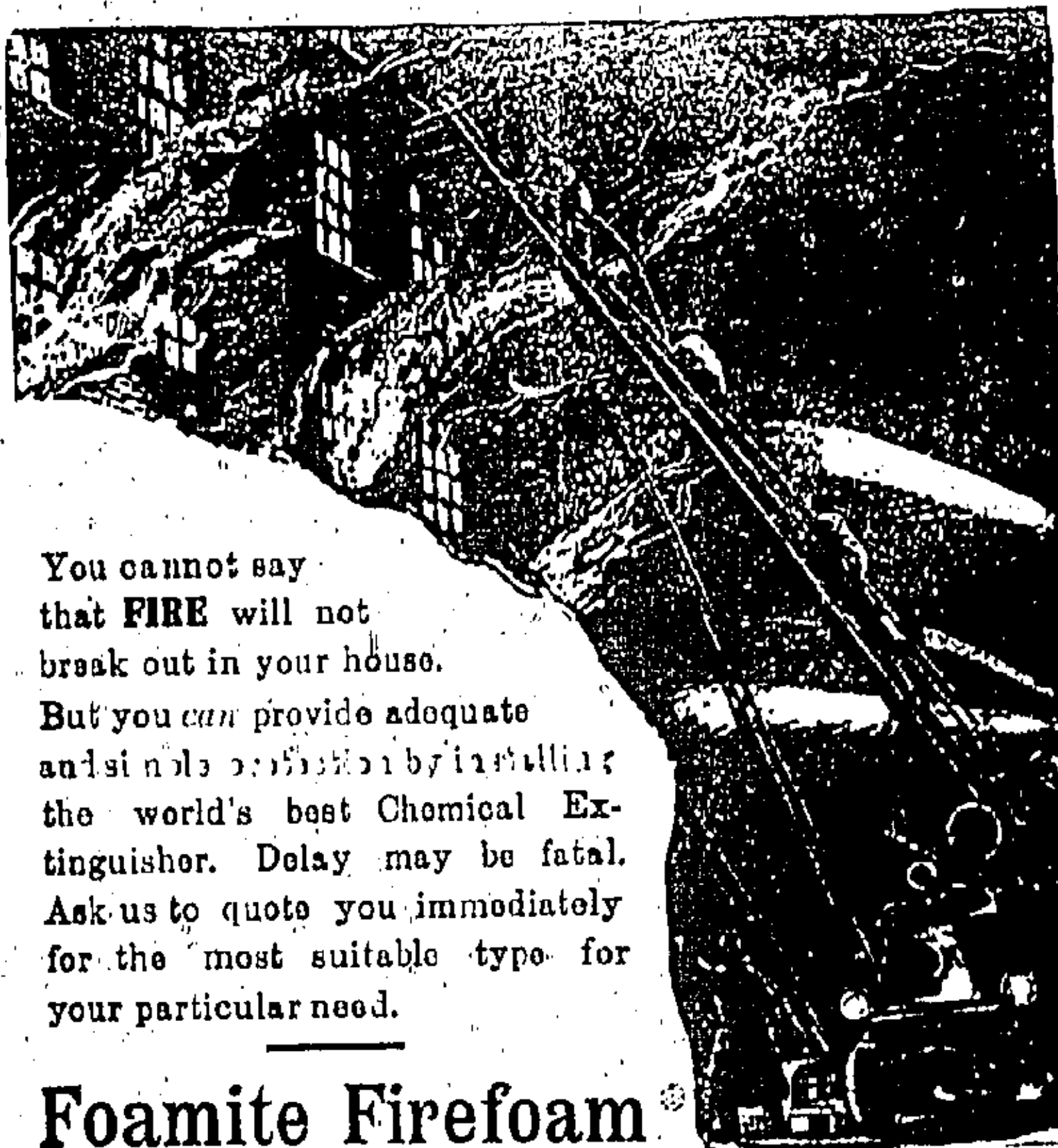
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MOTHERS' UNION RALLY

MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On the afternoon of Tuesday last, at the invitation of Lady Clementi, there met together at Government House, perhaps one of the most goodly companies of women ever assembled in one place in the Colony.

The meeting had been called together for the purpose of re-awakening interest in the great organization known as the "Mothers' Union"—a name familiar to women all over the world, and, to many thousands, a name embodying intense interest and devotion.

It was hoped that this meeting would be the means of giving encouragement and enthusiasm to those members who already belonged to the Union, and also of adding materially to the membership, and that by the united effort of many the spiritual and educational life in the homes of Hongkong might be strengthened and deepened.

A Humble Beginning.

The Chairman, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, after thanking Lady Clementi for her kindness in inviting the company to Government House and for her interest in the occasion, gave a brief account of the aims and objects of the Mothers' Union. He told the story of its humble beginning—how a few devoted women, under the leadership of one, Mary Sumner, had gathered together in a small Hampshire village and had determined to unite themselves in an effort to better the home life in that village and its immediate surroundings. Because of the fact that this union filled a great want, and because its appeal was so practical and impelling, the movement grew and grew until at the time of Mary Sumner's death it had become the largest organization of women in the world, with a membership of 400,000 and branches in many distant parts of the earth, and boasted Victoria, the Queen, as its Royal Patron.

And who can measure the potent force of that great army of women, bound together by one lofty ideal! That ideal, the determination that by their combined efforts—their influence through the homes of the nation upon the nation itself—the whole fabric of Society should be sweetened. Let the women of to-day see to it that they fall not short of this valiant example!

Lady Clementi's Welcome.

Lady Clementi then made a charming little speech, welcoming the gathering to Government House. She said that hitherto she had not been a member of the Union, although for many years she had been aware of its existence, as the Governor's mother had long been a devoted and enthusiastic member. Now, that she had become (most undeservedly, she considered) Diocesan Patron, she meant to give the Union her deep interest and support, and hoped for a bright future for it in the Colony. After this, two appropriate songs were delightfully sung by Mrs. Collett.

Mrs. Duppy, Diocesan President, then gave a brief resume of the activities of the Union since its inception in Hongkong, mentioning that the Victoria branch boasted of a membership of 90, while the newly-formed branch at Kowloon had already 30 members, with prospect of more. She especially appealed for co-operation from the rank and file of the members, saying that no organization could hope to flourish so long as it depended

B. I. CO.'S ISSUE.

\$700,000 PREFERENCE STOCK.

London, Jan. 20.

Applications are invited for the purchase of \$700,000 five per cent. cumulative preference stock in the British-India Steam Navigation Company, at 91 per cent. It is understood that this stock has hitherto been held privately, and does not represent fresh capital.—*Reuter.*

upon the efforts of its executive only. Loyal support from every individual member was necessary in order that good work should be done.

The Victoria Branch.

Mrs. Duppy further pointed out the excellence of the literature provided by the Union. Two publications were obtainable—one, "The Mothers' Union Journal," and the other, "Mothers in Council." In both were to be found most interesting articles on various subjects of interest to women. She was sure these articles would prove most helpful to mothers in all stages and walks of life.

Mrs. Noll, the Secretary of the Victoria branch, then told, in a few words, what her members were doing. The meetings are held in the Helena May Institute on alternate Tuesday afternoons, from 3 to 5, and all women, whether members or not, are invited to be present and see what is being done there. On the third Tuesday in the month, informal talks, followed by discussion, are to be given upon subjects of educational and domestic interest. The following have been arranged:

February 16th. The Responsibility of Parenthood.
March 16th. How I was Brought Up.
April 20th. The Faith of a Child.

The Kowloon Branch.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, vicar of St. Andrew's, Kowloon, told of the new branch recently formed in his parish and its progress. Incidentally, he paid a charming tribute to the work of women in the Church and parish, and spoke of the inspiration and comfort given by them to the often hard-worked and bewildered clergy! The last speaker was Mrs. Warren, who pointed out that though she could lay no claim to being a mother, she felt that as she had for many years filled the role of "universal aunt," she could speak with a certain amount of authority upon the subject of the training of children.

Mrs. Warren told of the excellent work she had found being done by the "Mothers' Union" in many different parts of the world, although she had discovered a certain amount of ignorance displayed as to its purport in Hongkong—especially if judged by the comments overheard in the Peak tram!

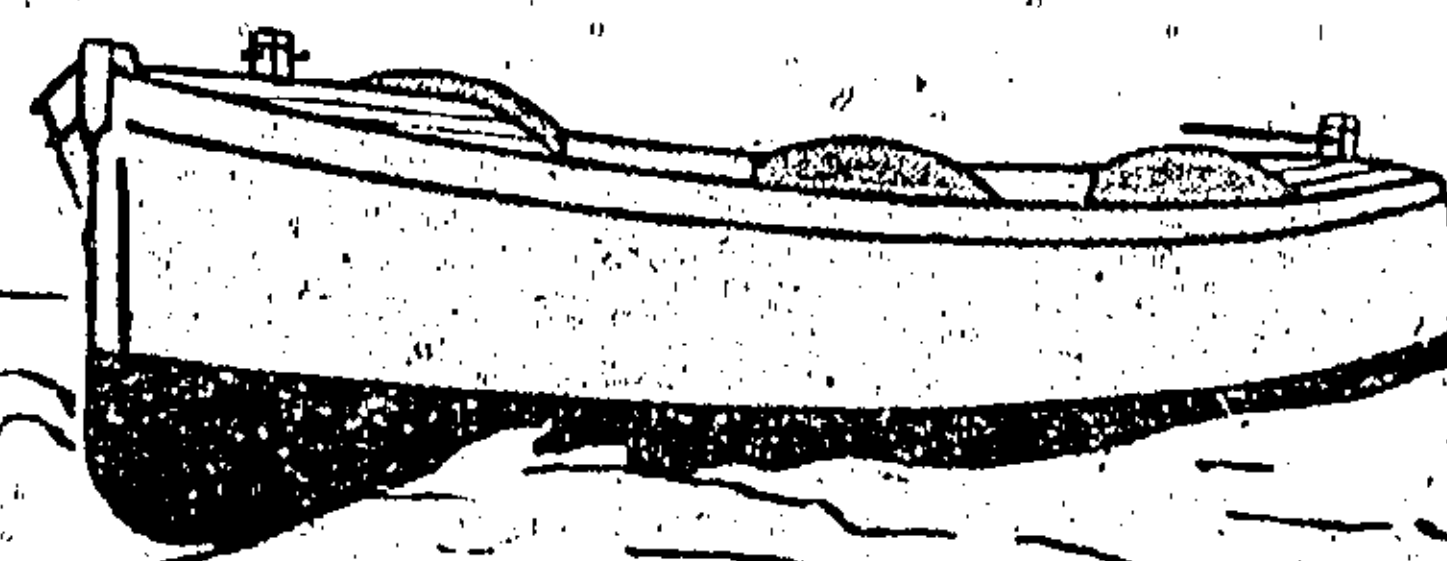
Mrs. Warren gave several interesting examples of how the Union ought to be a help to those having the care of children, and wished the Hongkong branch a successful and active future.

The meeting closed by the singing of the "Mothers' Union Hymn," after which Lady Clementi invited all those present to tea in the room below, where, as well as tea, they would find an opportunity of enrolling as members of the "Mothers' Union"—an opportunity of which a gratifying number availed themselves.

Further information respecting the Mothers' Union can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Noll, 165, The Peak, to whom applications for membership should be made.—*Contributed.*

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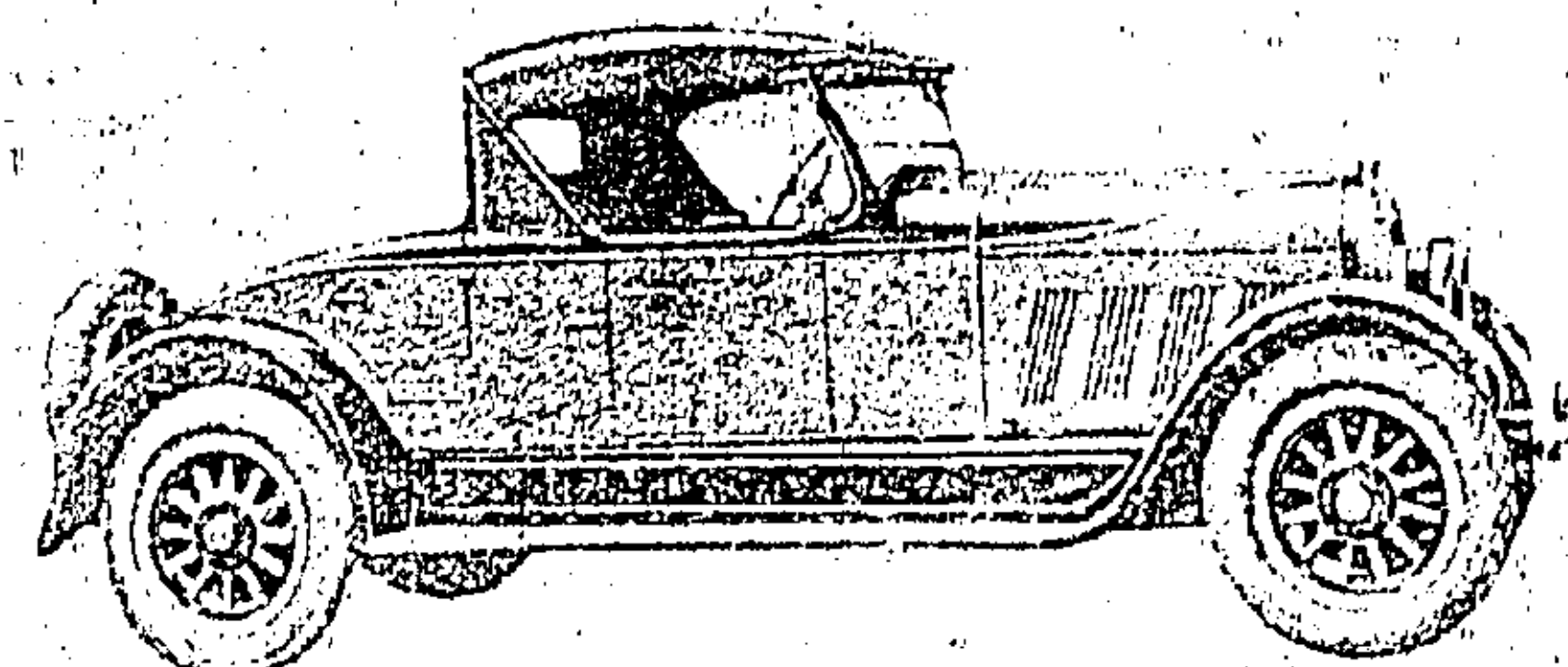
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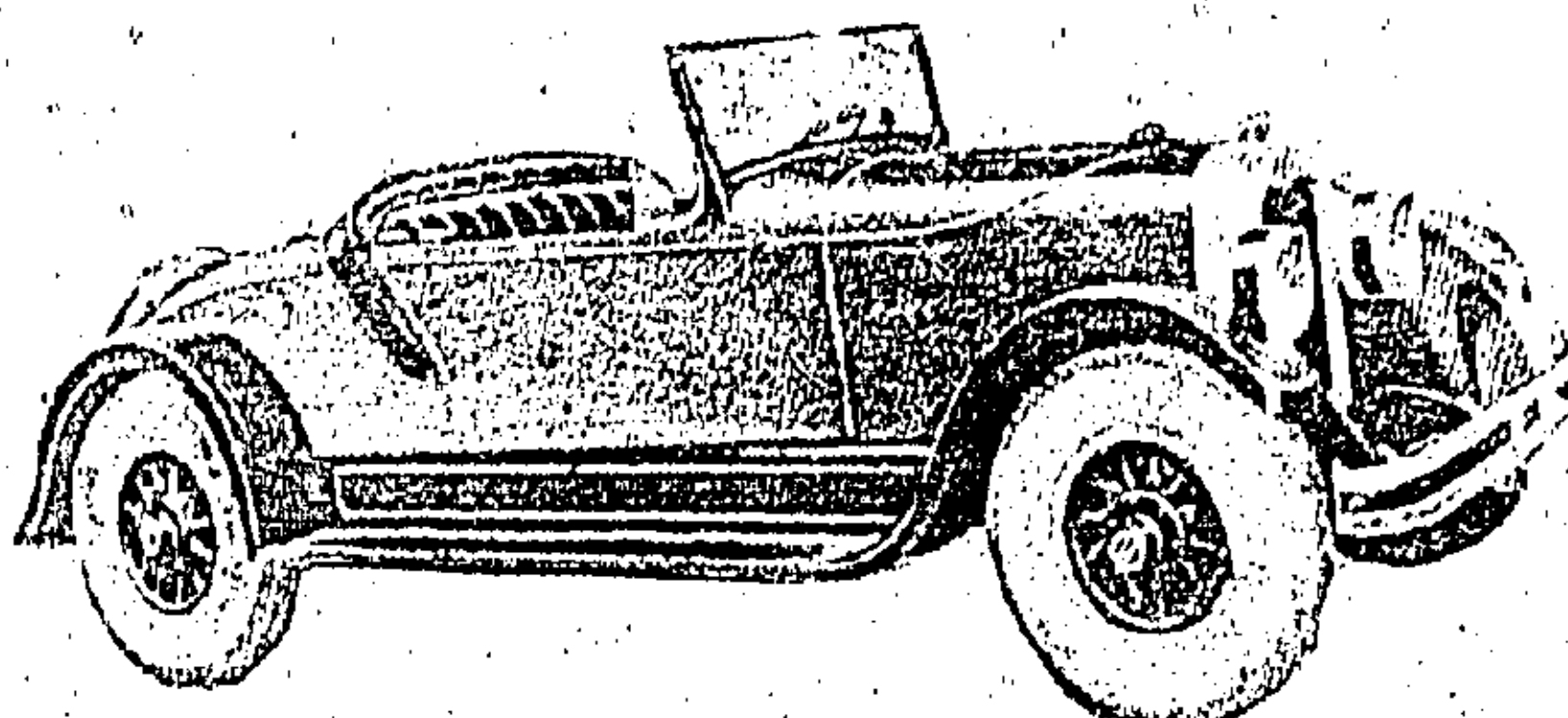
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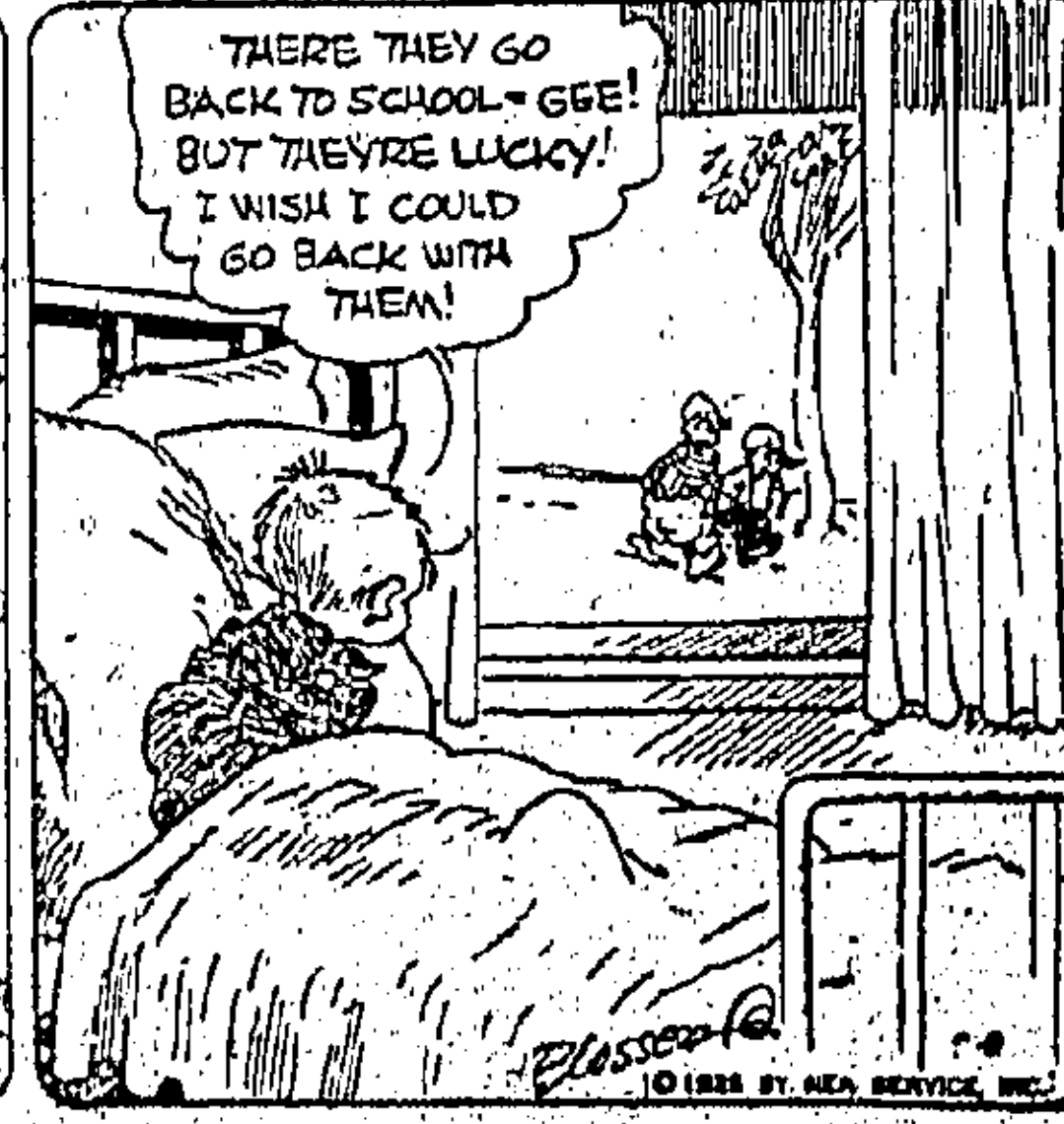
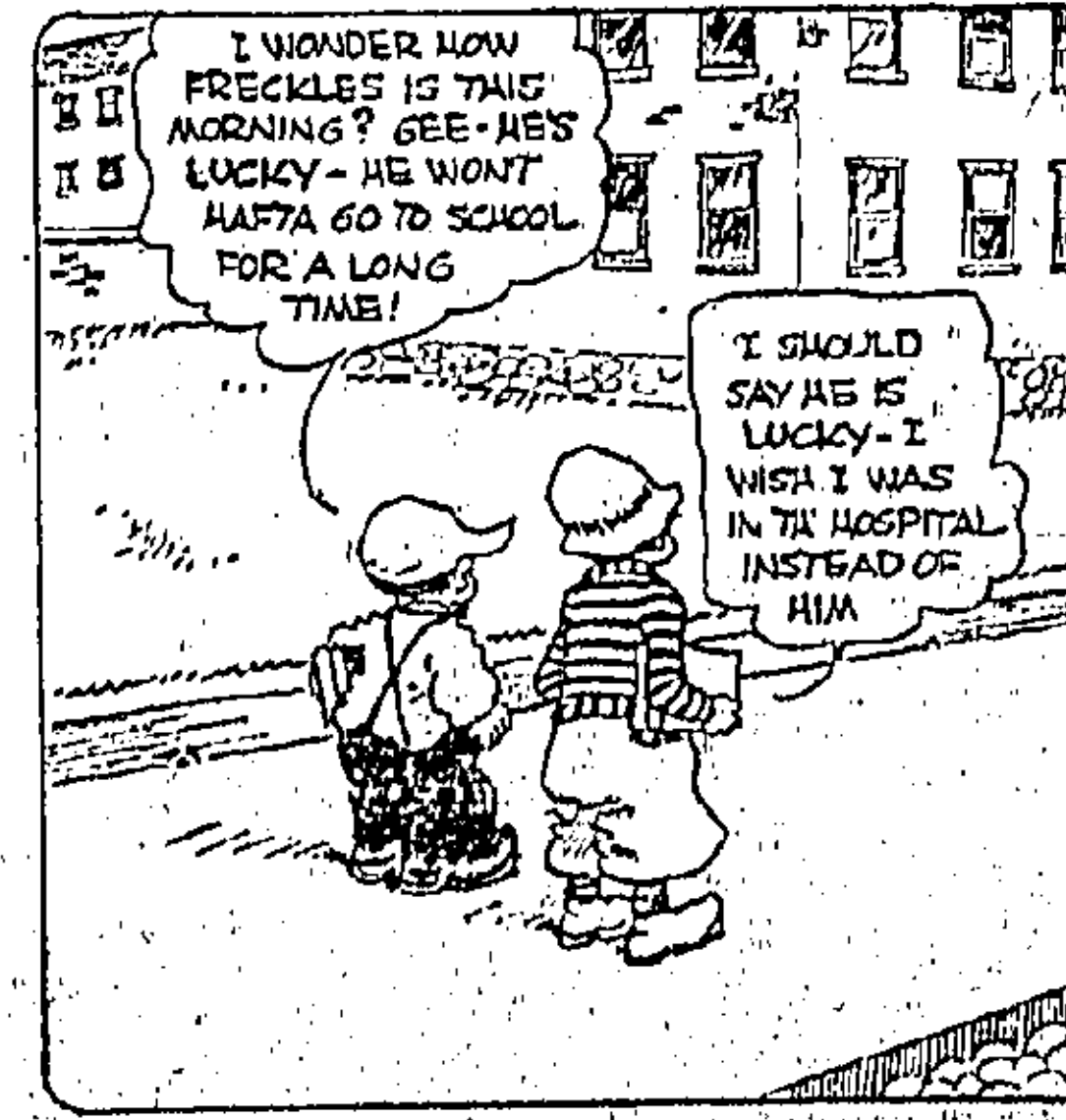
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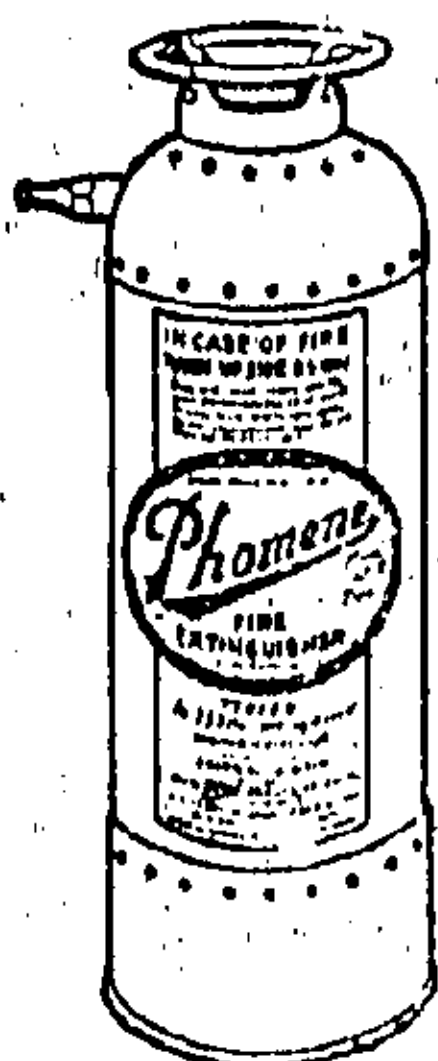
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THURSDAY, JAN. 21, 1926.

THE POWERS AND THE EAST.

There are many Powers keep-
ing a sharp eye on the spread of
Bolshevik ideas in the Far East,
and amongst those who are
especially concerned to see that
their interests are not placed in
danger thereby may be counted
France, the contiguity of whose
possessions in Indo-China to an
unsettled part of China makes
the matter one of deep
importance. The danger of the
infiltration of Bolshevism into
these colonial possessions is fully
realised by the French adminis-
tration, which is firmly convinced
that the Red agitators are seeking
to introduce Bolshevist doctrines
into both Kwangsi and Yunnan
provinces, thereby bringing the
evil close to the boundaries of the
French possessions. For this
reason, the developments in
South China are being watched
with the keenest interest and
concern.

French economic influences
during recent years have been
considerably extended in Yunnan,
with which province French
Indo-China is directly linked by
a railway which has materially
assisted expansion. The Tsuchun
of Yunnan has been especially
known for his antagonism to Red
doctrines, but according to cur-
rent reports his position is being
rendered unstable by the de-
fection of a number of his
Generals, with the result that the
situation in Yunnan is at the
moment rather delicately poised.
Indeed, there is a possibility that
a change of Tsuchun might have
harmful effects by causing Bol-
shevik influences to spread in the
province. It is obvious, therefore,
that France is just as much con-
cerned as other Powers to see
that there is an early adjustment
of the situation in South China
generally.

The more the Chinese problem
is looked into, with special refer-
ence to the spread of Russian
influence, the clearer does it
become that the matter is one
calling for the closest possible co-
operation between all the inter-
ested Powers. In this question,
no one country should be expected
to play a lone hand in offsetting
Bolshevik propaganda. This is
no time for any one Power to seek
to advance its interests in the Far

East at the expense of others, for
such a proceeding is only playing
into the hands of Moscow. China
needs to be saved from the spread
of pernicious political doctrines
which will do her just as much
harm, if not more, as they will
to the foreign interests in the
Far East. Amongst those Powers
who have the welfare and pro-
gress of China at heart there must
be unity of action at the present
juncture of affairs. Any other
policy can only lead to disaster.

Speeches at Sea.

For the purposes of interna-
tional law, a ship when at sea is
regarded as the territory of the
particular nation whose flag she
flies. That being the case, we
note with regret that on a recent
trip an American liner whilst in
Far Eastern waters was the venue
of a political gathering at which
a Chinese politician delivered an
oration in which the most bitter
attacks were made on Britain and
Japan, nations with which the
United States is on most friendly
terms. The occasion was a recep-
tion given by overseas Chinese to
two political leaders and whilst
we have no intention of repeating
what was said at this gathering,
it has to be put on record that
one of the speakers was at great
pains to vilify both the nations
referred to. Procedure of this kind
can only be regarded as an abuse
of the privileges enjoyed by pas-
sengers aboard a ship, which is
the last place one expects to
encounter political propaganda.
The probability is that the cap-
tain of the liner in this instance
was totally unaware of what was
transpiring; had it been otherwise,
we are sure that he would have
taken steps to put a stop to the
proceedings. Neither the United
States Government nor American
shipping people want to see
American vessels used in this
way, we are convinced. It must
be a difficult matter to keep track
of what is happening aboard a
ship on which are travelling large
numbers of passengers speaking
a language largely unknown to
the commanders and officers, but
it view of the incident referred to,
it might be just as well if a
sharp watch is kept in these
times to see that gatherings of
a political nature are, as far as
possible, prevented.

INDIAN AGRICULTURE.

A ROYAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

Rugby, Jan. 20th.

His Majesty the King has
approved the constitution of a
Royal Commission "generally to
examine and report on the present
condition of agricultural and
rural economy in British India and
to make recommendations for the
improvement of agriculture and
for the promotion of the welfare
and prosperity of the rural
population." It is stipulated that
the Commission is particularly to
investigate the following:—

(1).—The measures now being
taken for the promotion of agricul-
tural and veterinary research, for
experimental demonstration and
education, for the compilation of
agricultural statistics, and for the
introduction of new or better crops
and minor improvements in agricul-
tural practice, dairy farming and
stock breeding.

(2).—The existing methods of
transporting and marketing
agricultural produce and stock.

(3).—The methods by which
agricultural operations are financed
and credit afforded to agricul-
turalists.

(4).—The main factors concern-
ing rural prosperity and the
welfare of the agricultural popula-
tion.

It will not be within the scope
of the Commission's duties to
make recommendations regarding
the existing systems of land owner-
ship and irrigation changes, or the
existing division of funds, between
the Government of India and local
governments. The Commission
will, however, be at liberty to sug-
gest means whereby activities of
the governments in India may best
be co-ordinated, and to indicate
directions in which the Govern-
ment of India may usefully supple-
ment the activities of the local
governments.

The personnel of the Commis-
sion will be announced later.—
British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

TRUE GREATNESS CONSISTS IN
BEING GREAT IN LITTLE THINGS.
—Johnson.

According to the Old Chinese
calendar to-day is Great Cold
(Ta-han).

The weather forecast for to-
morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh
to strong; fair.

One Chinese case of cerebro-
spinal fever was reported in the
Colony on Tuesday.

A striking calendar has been
issued locally advertising the
well-known Philips' lamps.

Dr. J. B. Addison, Principal
Civil Medical Officer, returned to
the Colony yesterday from Singa-
pore on the French mail steamer
D'Artagnan.

Amongst the passengers who
arrived by the s.s. President
Madison were Mr. and Mrs. H.
W. Lester, Miss A. James and
Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd.

His Excellency the Governor,
accompanied by Mr. P. P. J.
Wodhouse, C.S.P., visited vari-
ous police stations on the Kow-
loon side yesterday morning.

After being knocked down by
a tramcar on the Praya at Ken-
nedy Town, near Beach Street,
yesterday, a Chinese male, about
thirty years of age, was taken to
the Government Civil Hospital
suffering from injuries to the face
and right arm.

His Excellency the Governor
expressed his admiration of the
new police stations at Yaumati
and Shamshuiing, when he visited
them yesterday morning, in com-
pany with the Captain Superin-
tendent of Police. He later in-
spected the Kowloon Fire Station.

Passengers due to arrive here
at the week-end by s.s. Karmala
from Home, include Mr. T. M.
Hazelrigg, Mrs. Cantrell, Lieut.
Commr. E. S. Graham, Lieut.
Commr. H. E. Seaman, Pay.
Lieut. W. R. Jordan, Pay. Com-
mr. E. B. Lewis, and Mr. C. G.
Perdue.

A Canton report states that at
the last session of the Kuomint-
ang Party, M. Borodin, having
terminated his three years' agree-
ment as adviser to the Govern-
ment and the Party, tendered his
resignation. The meeting, how-
ever, renewed the agreement for
a further term of three years.

News from Canton states that
at a meeting of the Military
Council, it was decided to es-
tablish the post of a Director-
General of Railroads, Telegraphs,
Telephones, Post Office, Public
Highways and Navigations. The
name of a certain Russian officer
has been suggested for this
position, and in this connection
there is much criticism of the
proposal to confer so much power
on one individual.

NATION OF AIRMEN.

VISION OF BRITAIN'S FUTURE.

Rugby, Jan. 20.

"Aviation can do a great deal
more for the country commercially
than from a war point of view,"
said Vice-Admiral Sir Sefton
Brancaster, Director of Civil
Aviation, to-day in connection with
the opening of the Yorkshire Aero-
plane Club. "We had to become
a nation of airmen," he added. He
visualised thousands of British
aeroplanes over all the Empire
carrying British passengers, mails
and goods.—British Wireless.

ITALIAN VISITORS.

VISIT TO THE "VICTORY."

Rugby Jan. 20.

Count Volpi and other members
of the Italian Debt Mission arrived
at Portsmouth Dockyard to-day.
They were shown over the battle
cruiser Repulse and Nelson's old
flagship the Victory.—British
Wireless.

A GERMAN ENQUIRY.

Melbourne, Jan. 20.

A German firm has recently made
enquiries regarding the establish-
ment of textile factories in Austra-
lia.—Reuter.

HAUL OF ARMS.

A WELL-KNOWN CHINESE FINED.

Stating that he found arms and
ammunition in various part of the
boat, s.s. Kum Sang, and
that these had been secreted
there by smugglers, while
breaking the vessel up for scrap-
iron, a well known Chinese busi-
ness man named, Ling Yuk Shee,
master of a scrap iron store, ap-
peared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at
the Central Magistracy this morn-
ing. He was charged with being
in unlawful possession of one Win-
chester rifle; two uncompleted
Winchester rifles; one pistol
magazine; two short swords; one
dick; two rounds of revolver am-
munition; seventy-one rounds of
sporting ammunition; and one
pound of Selby air-gun shot. Mr.
Leo d'Almada appeared for the de-
fence.

Sergt. Whelan explained that as
a result of a raid at 22, Catchick
Street, first floor, they found the
arms concealed in a false bottom
of a chest of drawers.
Mr. d'Almada, who pleaded guilty
on behalf of his client, spoke at
some length, and said the defend-
ant was the master of a firm deal-
ing in scrap iron. He was born
in the Colony and had lived here
for the last ten years. He was a
well known business man, and he
(Mr. d'Almada), could vouch for
his good character personally, as
they had known each other for
many years. Explaining how the
arms came into his possession, Mr.
d'Almada said in 1923 the
defendant bought the s.s.
Kum Sang to break it up for
scrap-iron, and when the
breaking-up was in progress in the
following year, the arms were
found in various parts of the vessel
and had evidently been left there
by smugglers. He took them home,
and put them in a safe place, but
apparently his enemies had given
information to the police.

In 1917, the defendant was a
member of the Police Force as a
special constable. He admitted
that he should have reported the
matter, but it was an oversight that
he did not do so. The defendant
and a licence to use a sporting
gun, and when it was produced, it
was found to be six months old.
Mr. d'Almada explained it had not
been renewed because the defend-
ant had not been out shooting for
some time. He asked Mr. Lindsell
to treat it as a technical
offense.

In answer to a question by Mr.
Lindsell, Sergt. Whelan said if the
defendant had been connected with
the Police Force, he ought to
have known that he should have
reported the finds to the police.
He asked for a conviction.
Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of
\$50, and the arms were confiscated.
An application by Sergt. Whelan
for a confiscation order for the
chest of drawers, which he as-
serted had a false bottom, which
assertion was denied by the de-
fence, was refused.

REVOLVERS CONFISCATED.

When Sergt. A. E. Carey, armed
with a search warrant, paid a visit
to No. 5, Hep Hing Lane, at 11 p.m.
on January 10th, a place much
frequented by hawkers, he found
three revolvers, and nine rounds of
ammunition in a rattan basket, on
the ground floor.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the
Central Police Court this morning,
he applied for a confiscation or-
der, and said that one of the
revolvers was loaded in five cham-
bers, and another in four. As no
claimants came forward, no arrests
were made.

The confiscation order was
granted.

BANKNOTE FRAUD.

THE LATEST ARREST.

Budapest, Jan. 20.

The latest arrest in connection
with the bank notes affair, is that
of an engineer, named Johann
Stitz, on a charge of collusion with
the alleged forces.—Reuter.

COMMISSION TO ENQUIRE.

Buda Pest, Jan. 20.
As the result of an agreement
between the Government and the
opposition, a Parliamentary
Commission is being ap-
pointed to investigate the bank-
note affair. It will be entitled
to summon all persons whose
evidence is required. The meet-
ings will be very secret.—Reuter.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

TERRITORIAL ESTATES MEETING TO-DAY.

An increase of capital to the
extent of half a million dollars was
authorised at an extraordinary
general meeting of the Hongkong
and Territorial Estates, Limited,
held at the offices of the general
managers, Messrs. Shewan Tomes
and Co., Ltd., this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the
chair and there were also present:
—Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. J. Scott
Harston, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. Tong
Hok-ting (directors), Mr. A. Braun
(secretary-manager), Messrs. H.
Dreyer, R. Farrant, E. L. Shields,
J. Toppin, A. A. Botelho, I. W.
Shewan, D. Munton, and A. Keith
(shareholders).

add company Meeting
The notice convening the meeting
having been read,

The Chairman said:—Gentle-
men, The object of the resolu-
tions in the notice just read is
simply to raise further working
capital. This would not have been
necessary had the final calls on
shares been fully met, but I am
sorry to say that about \$295,250
is still outstanding. Although
we are taking steps to secure
payment of this amount as far as
possible, the circumstances obtain-
ing at the present time are such as
to render this a matter of difficulty.
In consequence of the foregoing,
we must raise further capital, and
we propose to make an issue of
fresh capital to the extent of \$500,
000 in Cumulative Preferred
shares, bearing interest at seven
per cent. We do not propose to
offer these shares to shareholders
generally, because circumstances
have shown that at the present
time the offer would not be accept-
ed to any extent worth considering,
while the circulation of it would
waste a great deal of time. We
have therefore approached the
largest shareholder, who is dis-
posed to take up the shares, and we
think the interests of the Company
will be best served by allotting
them to him.

The Chairman then proposed as
an ordinary resolution:—"That the
capital of the Company be increased
by the creation of 50,000 new
shares of \$10.00 each to be called
Preference Shares to which there
shall be attached the special rights
and privileges following that is to
say:—(a) The said Preference
Shares shall carry the right to a
fixed cumulative preferential divi-
dend from the date of allotment
at the rate of 7% per annum on
the capital for the time being paid
up on such shares. (b) The
capital paid up on the preference
shares shall not be liable to cancel-
lation or reduction in respect of
loss or depreciation. (c) In the
event of the winding up of the
Company the holders of the prefer-
ence shares shall be entitled to
have the surplus assets applied in
the first place in repaying to them
the amount paid up on the prefer-
ence shares held by them respect-
ively and any arrears of dividend
up to the commencement of the
winding up whether declared or
not, but shall not be entitled to any
further participation in such sur-
plus assets."

Mr. Raymond seconded and the
resolution was carried unanimously.
It was unanimously agreed, on
the proposition of the Chairman,
seconded by Mr. J. Scott Harston,
that the said 50,000 preference
shares shall be allotted at such
time or times and in such manner
and for such purposes in every
respect as the Company's General
Managers with the sanction of the
Committee may decide."

This was all the business of the
meeting.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Jan. 20.
To-day's exchange rate are as
follow:
Paris 120%
New York 48 3/4
Brussels 107
Geneva 25.18
Amsterdam 120.00%
Milan 120 1/2
Berlin 20.45
Stockholm 18.16
Copenhagen 19.59
Oslo 23.89
Vienna 24.82
Prague 184 1/2
Telavogors 190 1/2
Madrid 24.80
Lisbon 2 1/2
Rio 7 7/16
Buenos Aires 46 7/16
Bombay 1/8 2/10
Shanghai 8 3/4
Hongkong 2 1/4
Yokohama 1/10
Silver Spot 31 1/16
Forward 31 1/2
—British Wireless.

THE BELGENLAND.

(Continued from Page 1.)

other progressive interests. While in Japan she gave several addresses upon different phases of the feminist movement. Mrs. John Thomy, of St. Louis, Chairman of the Women's Division of the National Safety Council and officer in many other organizations, became so deeply interested in local politics that her family finally had to drag her away from her engrossing work for a holiday. Miss Clarice Clements, who is in charge of the ladies' gymnasium on this well equipped liner, will be remembered by many for her able work during the War on the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps where she trained large numbers of women. She holds a certificate from Barry College, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Unique collectors on the tour are Mr. George F. Getz, whose hobby is his own zoo, and Mrs. E. R. Bradley of "Idle Hour," Lexington, Kentucky, who would like to pick up a likely "China pony" to add to her husband's long string of race horses.

OTHER PERSONALITIES.

Other prominent passengers include Brigadier-General H. G. Hodges, Jr., U.S.A., retired, and Mrs. Hodges, who reside at Noroton, Conn.; State Senator James H. MacMurray of Chicago, chairman of trustees of the Illinois Woman's College, and Mrs. MacMurray; George D. Sheppard, professor of electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota; George F. Getz, millionaire Chicago soft coal operator, whose hobby is collecting animals for a private zoo; Joseph H. Emery, former president of the Onyx Hosiery Company; Mrs. E. R. Bradley, of "Idle Hour," Lexington, Ky., wife of the noted horse owner and Palm Beach, clubman; Mrs. J. P. Thomy of St. Louis, national chairman of the Women's Division, Safety Council of America; John T. Sullivan, of Waterbury, treasurer of the Eastern League Baseball Club, and Mrs. Sullivan; Charles H. Luce, motor millionaire of Detroit, and old friend of Henry Ford; Joseph Grein of Chicago, known as "the millionaire newsboy," who began life selling papers and amassed a fortune in California grapefruit; Frank Halliday, of Buffalo, N.Y., mining engineer and western land owner, accompanied by Mrs. Halliday; Marcus A. Monaghan, who heads large oil interests at Cleveland, Ohio, and is accompanied by Mrs. Monaghan, their daughters, Misses Mary Louise, Lettie and Celestine, and their son, Marcus A., Jr.; Nelson N. Moneyperney of Ridgewood, N. J., director in several large, eastern corporations, and Thomas M. McKee, well-known New York stock broker. Another passenger is A. W. Brehman, former mayor of Ventnor City, N. J., one of the finest resort cities on the Atlantic coast. Brehman, who is accompanied by Mrs. Brehman, is actively interested in public service corporations in Philadelphia.

THE CAPTAIN.

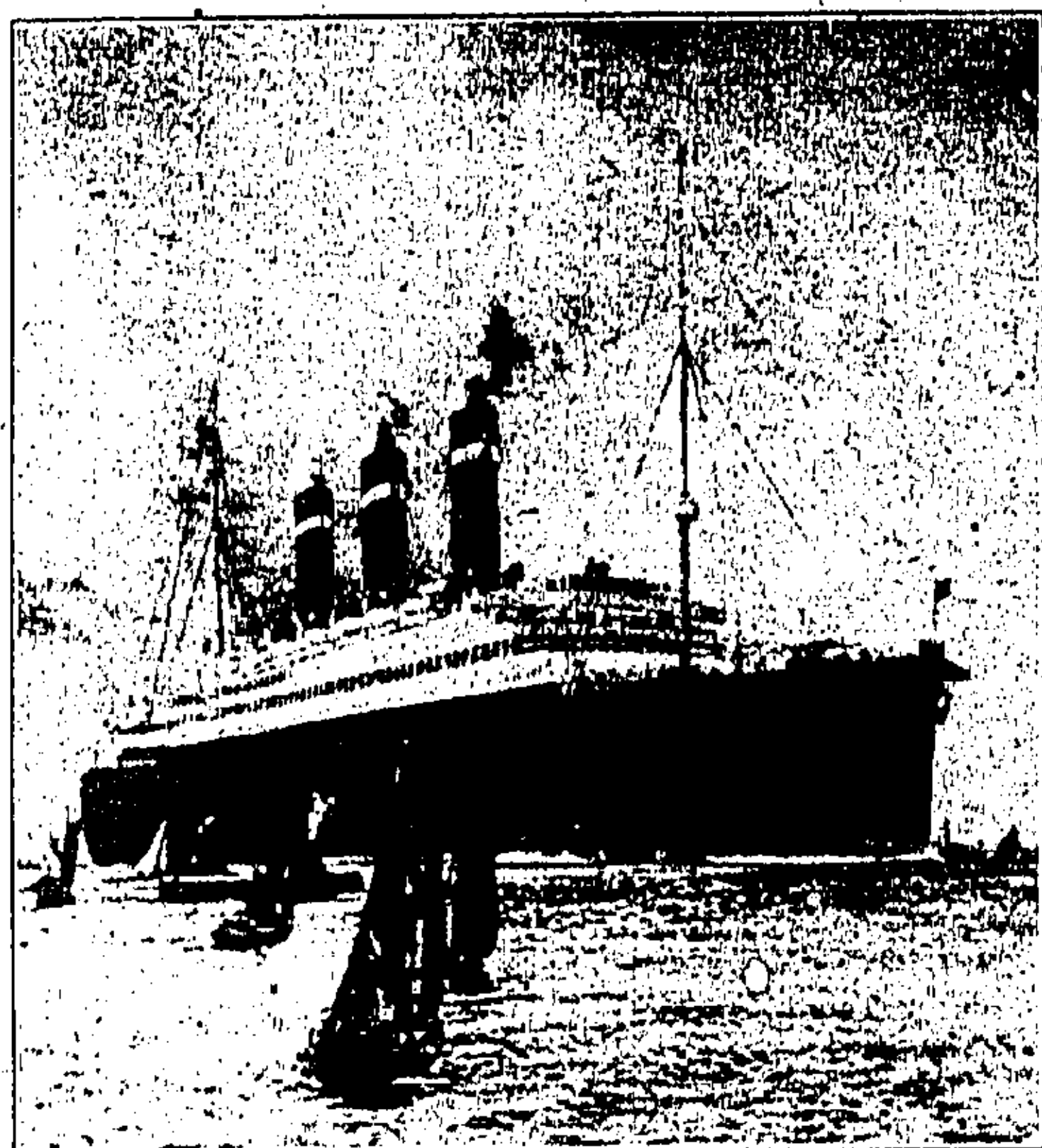
The commander of the ship is Captain John Bradshaw, commodore of the Red Star Line and one of the senior masters in the North Atlantic passenger trade. Captain Bradshaw, who is a resident of New York, was born in England in 1862, and has followed the sea for more than 45 years. His experience began in sailing vessels, and he was for many years an officer in ships of the American Line, which he joined in 1889 as junior fourth officer of the City of Paris. He served as commander of 17 ships in the American and Red Star Lines before taking command of the Belgenland on her maiden voyage in 1923. His service as a captain covers nearly 25 years.

During the world war Captain Bradshaw was in command of the Red Star liner Lapland, which served continuously for four years as a transport for American and Canadian troops from the United States and Canada to Europe.

It is interesting to note that the crew consists of more than 600 persons, who have been selected to make the cruise because of their qualifications in their particular fields.

The minute details connected with the cruise of 132 days, taking the ship over a route nearly 30,000 miles long and to the principal ports of the Far East, call for a large cruise staff distinct from that of the personnel in charge of the ship and administration of its affairs.

THE "BELGENLAND" HERE



Above is the Red Star liner Belgenland, which arrived in port this morning with over 400 tourists. She is the biggest vessel to make a round-the-world trip.



A game of shuffle board on the Belgenland.

CRUISE STAFFS.

Both the Red Star Line and the American Express Co., which has charge of the shore travel and educational features of the cruise, are represented by a staff. The cruise management is in charge of Mr. William C. Lanesweert, representing the Red Star Line, and the International Mercantile Marine Company. Mr. Lanesweert has had long experience in the cruise business and was last winter in charge of Mediterranean cruises for the Red Star Line. His home is in Detroit, Mich., where he is manager of the International Mercantile Marine Company's passenger office. Mr. Lanesweert has with him five assistants representing the company.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Motor Bus Headlights.

Sir,—Through the columns of the Telegraph may I call the attention of the Traffic Officer in Kowloon to the headlights on the motor buses? The majority of these do not throw any light on the road, but right ahead, and in some cases they do nothing except light up the tops of the trees in Nathan Road, and in such a condition they are a positive danger to oncoming drivers. If the owners were made to put the headlights in the proper position and focus them properly, it would do much to improve the "dazzle" question.—Yours etc.

MOTORIST.

Kowloon, Jan. 21st, 1926.

STRIKE ECHO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

connection. Normal conditions had been restored within a few days of the strike settlement, and no complaints had been received from any quarter of the refusal of owners to pay pre-settlement half pay; none from the owners concerning any difficulties over the manning of their ships; and none from the Seamen's Union concerning seamen unemployed after the strike. There was no reason to doubt the generally accepted impression that the settlement had restored normal conditions of employment, that the owners had observed its conditions, and that at most only a very few seamen could have remained to become a charge on the post-settlement fund.

In these circumstances the Chairman of the Seamen's Union was informed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs that his bill of some \$340,000, which included half-pay for thousands of seamen for the whole of both the pre-settlement and post-settlement periods was purely imaginative. The two parts required division; and rather more precise evidence of liability would now be required than would have been looked for in the original bill if it had shown any reasonable relation to accepted facts.

It was recognized as not impossible that there might still be cases which would become a proper charge on the post settlement fund; and perhaps a few cases (such as those of ships at sea) where pre-settlement payments may have been overlooked, but post-settlement unemployment pay in this latter class of case clearly could not appear. The Union Officials were informed that any case which they could produce showing *prima facie* a sound claim would be dealt with without delay under the Agreement; and were urged to proceed with all possible expedition in the matter, if only in the interests of the seamen themselves.

No further representation on the matter from any source has been received in Hongkong; and it is desirable to make known the facts here given to correct distorted views of the matter which have been allowed publication.

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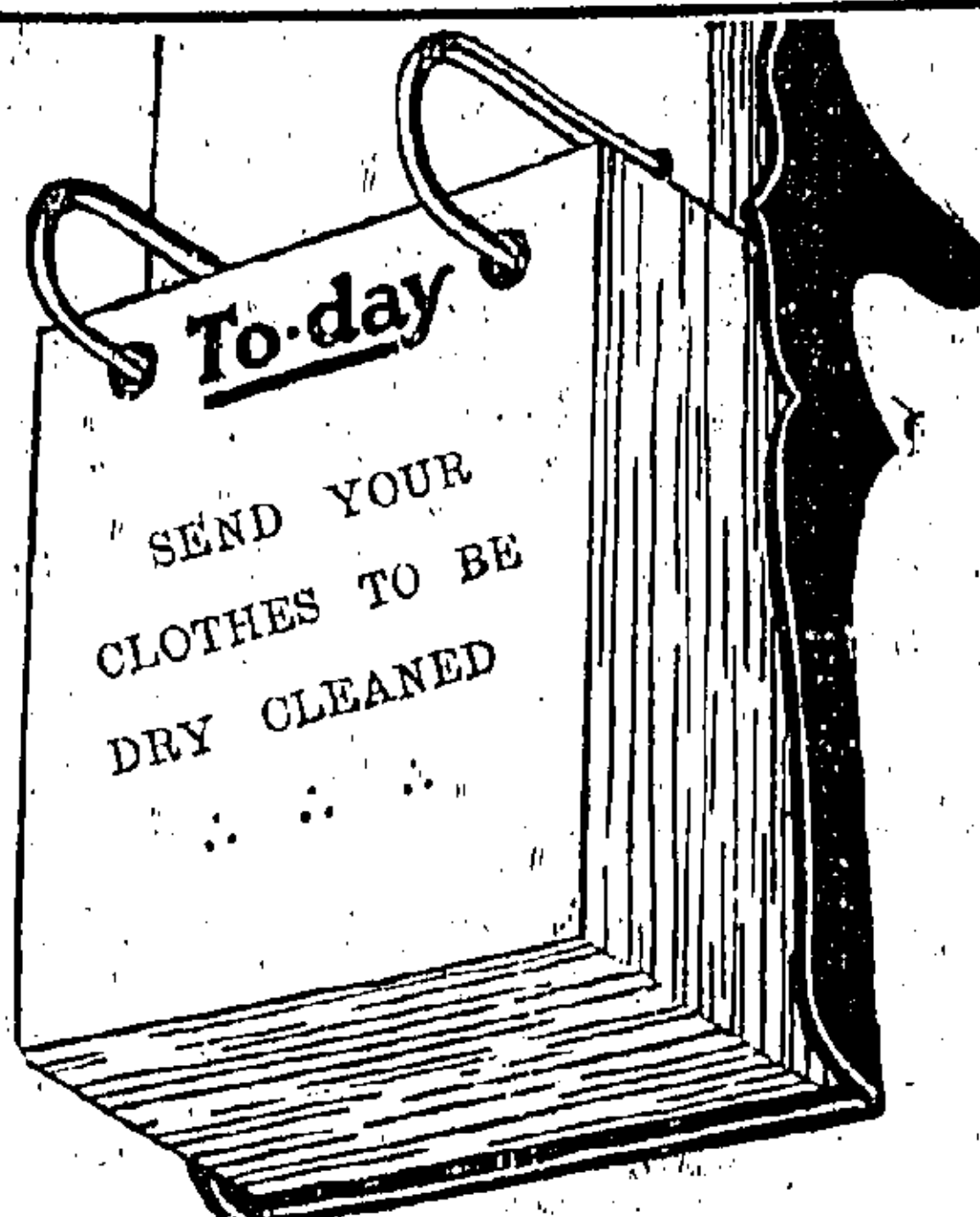


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COOLIES BURIED BY
A FALL.INQUIRY INTO KENNEDY
ROAD MISHAP.

The inquiry into the death of four earth coolies who were overwhelmed by a fall of earth from a cut dug behind a house in Kennedy Road, was continued by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. E. F. R. Sample was recalled to give evidence and expressed an opinion of the way in which the work was carried.

Mr. Lindsell: While this cut was being made, prior to the collapse, do you consider that the actual digging was properly done?

Witness: Yes. If it had not been, I should have told them so. Mr. Lindsell: When I visited the site with the jury on the 18th there was a certain amount of undercutting going on just in one place, as a result of which the P. W. D. representative stopped work on the cut. You saw no signs of that prior to the collapse?

Witness: No. Mr. Lindsell: Do you think the cut has been made perfectly safe since the collapse?

Witness: Yes, I do.

The Probable Cause.

One of the sub-contractors said he continually supervised the work, he was present every day, and saw that the work was being done properly. He never saw any signs of undercutting or that the surface was not safe. He had had 20 years' experience and had never known a similar collapse.

Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, engineer in the buildings ordinance office of the P. W. D., said he knew nothing of the particular work before the collapse took place, but it was under the control of his office. He visited the spot for the first time on the afternoon of the accident, and made a careful examination.

Mr. Lindsell: Did you form any opinion of what might have caused the collapse?

Witness: Yes. I think, although it is only supposition, that probably working at the foot of the cut at the foot of the embankment may have caused a certain movement just above it, and as Mr. Sample said, slightly loosened a boulder which in turn brought down the earth.

One Part Too Steep.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you think the preliminary making of the cut at an angle of 22 or 23 degrees was safe?

Witness: Taking into consideration the nature of the soil, I do.

Mr. Lindsell: When you speak of working at the foot of the cut, do you mean working in a way which should not have been done?

Witness: Not necessarily. I have no means of proving at what angle it was being carried out.

In reply to further questions, witness said he had no reason to doubt that the work was not properly done. He added that further along, to the west of the place where the collapse took place, there was an instance of the angle being too steep. At that point the slope was about five or seven degrees off the perpendicular.

Question of Shoring.

Mr. Sample asked if there had been any shoring up at that place.

Witness: I have only visited it once since the collapse and that was two days ago. On that occasion there was no shoring at this particular place.

Replying to a question by Mr. Lindsell, witness said the spot had been much more safe in the interval between his two visits.

Mr. Sample said that he thought the part had been shored up, but taken away to make a new cut.

Police evidence was also given describing the extrication of the men who were buried by the fall. Mr. Lindsell intimated that he would like evidence of other inspections which had been carried out to be called, and adjourned the inquiry for this purpose until Friday afternoon.

THE CITY OF BARODA.

BOARD OF ENQUIRY
CENSURES CAPTAIN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 20. The City of Baroda Board of Enquiry has severely censured Captain Houghton for not following the charted route from Singapore, as a consequence of which his ship grounded and damaged a thousand tons of cargo. The repairs cost \$400,000. —Reuter.

TAKEN TO MACAO.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION FROM
HONGKONG.

How four Chinese youths were abducted to Macao was described at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when one of the alleged kidnappers was charged in respect of the four boys and further charged, together with three others, with the kidnapping of a fifth boy.

The case against the defendant charged on four counts was taken first, and opening the case for the prosecution, Inspector Pincoff said that on January 8, at about 7 o'clock in the evening, the four boys were playing in Parkes Street, when two of them visited a hawker selling congee. On their return they informed the others that Ah Po (the defendant) had invited them to tea. The four boys met the defendant and were taken to a house in Mongkok, prior to which they were taken to a barber's shop and had their hair trimmed. On their arrival at the house they were asked if they wanted to go to Macao to work.

One of the boys became frightened and escaped, while the others were enticed to the Portuguese settlement. When they arrived the boys were newly clothed, and on the same day visited by a man and woman and offered for sale. The price being too great, the visitors refused to purchase the boys, who were later shown another lad who had been tied up. The defendant threatened to treat the boys in a similar way if they attempted to escape. Some days after they had been in Macao, the police raided the premises and the defendant and three other men were arrested.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

GENERAL WEI TO MAKE A
STAND.

Peking, Jan. 20.

Gen. Wei Yi-san has reached Lunchow, where it is expected he will make a stand, with the support of the first Kuomintang army. —Reuter.

Victim Recaptured.

Dealing with the capture of the other boy who is the subject of the charge against the four men, Inspector Pincoff said that the boy was taken to Macao from Hongkong in the same way as the others, and on trying to escape he was recaptured on the wharf by the three men who are awaiting trial.

All four boys, continued Inspector Pincoff, were bad scoundrels. The first lad had not been home for the last two months, while the second, resided with his father but could not be controlled. The third was an apprentice at a locksmith's shop, and when he was kidnapped his master presumed that he had returned to his parents in the country. The other boy was an orphan and carried water for a hawker.

The case was adjourned till this morning.

Woman Sentenced.

Prior to the above case, a Chinese woman was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on a charge of kidnapping a small girl from her parents, and taking her to Chai Wan Kwok in Taun Wan for sale. The girl was enticed by the defendant on January 13, and was found as the result of a detective overhearing a quarrel concerning the girl.

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

STATEMENT IN HUNGARIAN
ASSEMBLY.

Budapest, Jan. 20.

"There is going to be a great confrontation," promised M. Bethlen in a speech in the Assembly, which was debating the bank-note scandal. The Assembly was packed with Deputies and members of the public. The proceedings were very animated.

Much of M. Bethlen's speech was inaudible above the din, the Left section loudly chorussing "Resign!"

A counter demonstration was staged by the Government's supporters, standing and cheering the Premier. The latter emphasised that the Government was not evading responsibility for the ascertainment of the facts. It was the business of the courts rather than the Government; though the Government wished to clear up the political background, if such existed. He repeated that there was no trace of any revolutionary schemes.

"Wild" Foreign Comment.

M. Bethlen read extracts from the foreign Press about the situation in Hungary, which caused great hilarity amongst the Ministerialists, but roused the Socialists to fury. M. Bethlen said these wild reports were due to perverse propaganda by refugees abroad. It was a conspiracy against the honour of the nation.

He emphasised the conservative character of the Government which was in no wise counter-revolutionary, but meant to respect the existing international situation despite efforts by malcontents to terminate the trianon treaty. —Reuter.

RUSSO-CHINESE TROUBLE.

A CONSULAR WARNING.

Peking, Jan. 20.

In connection with the Sino-Russian railway dispute, it appears that the trans-Siberian express which was outward bound from Harbin on January 18, was delayed five hours. —Reuter.

Consular Body's Warning.

Peking, Jan. 20.

Later telegrams from Harbin and from Changchun show that the Sino-Soviet dispute in connection with the Chinese Eastern Railway, has reached a complete deadlock.

The Chinese have issued orders for the resumption of traffic on January 19, and attempted to coerce the stationmaster at Changchun into carrying out these instructions. The latter, however, on receiving a counter-order from M. Ivanoff, has refused to budge.

A message from Harbin says it is reported the Chinese have now interlocked the signalling system, and the despatch of the trans-Siberian express is prevented by the menacing attitude of a Chinese crowd.

The Consular Body has warned the Chinese authorities that it will hold them responsible for loss of life or property, interference with the rights of their nationals, or damage to the mails. —Reuter.

Soviet Mobilisation Discounted.

Tokyo, Jan. 20.

The Foreign Office spokesman says that the Government is watching the Sino-Russo friction in regard to the Changchun-Harbin line closely, but does not anticipate any danger arising, though the trouble will probably be a long-drawn one. Consular advices discount the rumoured Soviet mobilisation as White Russian propaganda. —Reuter.

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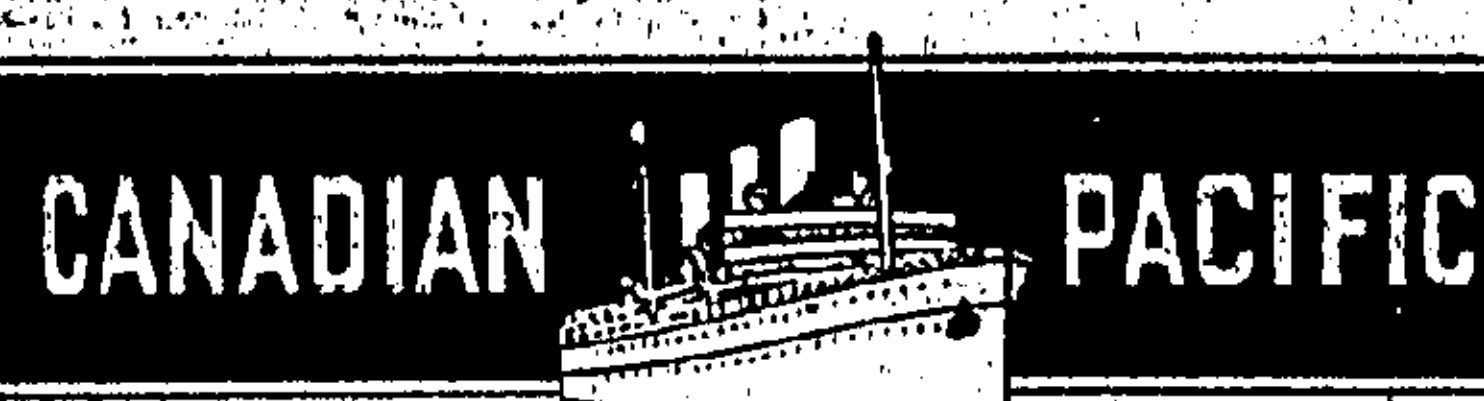
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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

SOUTH CHINA DISPUTE
SETTLED—SHOULD FINE
STAND?

[By "WANDERER."]

It must be a source of gratification to all devotees of football in the Colony to learn that the Hongkong Football Association have decided, on appeal, to cancel the suspension of the South China Athletic Association.

The Council have been "in conference" two evenings this week, debating the whole question, raised once again by the appeal tendered by the officials of the South China Athletic Association, and last evening an official decision was issued as follows:

1. That, on appeal, the Council of this Association are of opinion that misunderstanding arose with regard to the League fixture, South China A. v. Police.

2. That the Council, acting on legal advice, find that the Football League have no power to suspend under the rules.

3. Under these circumstances, the Council have decided that the appeal must stand. The "conviction" on all counts is therefore annulled.

The only thing which causes me surprise is that it would appear that the fine of \$5 and the award of the League points to the Police, as a result of the admitted failure of South China to turn out at the appointed venue, has been "annulled" in common with the suspension.

I took the trouble to point out a week ago, before the general meeting of the Hongkong Football Association, that the League had no power to suspend under their rules, but it is equally clear that they have a right to fine and deduct points.

Rule 8 says "In the event of a Club failing to keep an engagement without sufficient reason being produced the League Management Committee shall have power to deal with the same but no fine shall exceed \$5." Rule 16 states "They shall also have power to award or deduct points if they deem it necessary."

South China definitely refused to turn out at the appointed venue, and to cancel the fine imposed as a result of this, appears to be creating a precedent contrary to good law and order which may prove a stumbling block in the future. I think even the officials of South China must realise this. They must agree that the right policy to adopt, whatever their grievance, was to play the match and protest afterwards.

It is not outside the power of the Football Association to do anything they think fit as regards legislation of football in Hongkong, but it is a dangerous precedent to say the least.

AMATEUR BOXING IN MACAO.

A Macao correspondent writing recently tells me they have been having some very interesting amateur boxing tournaments at the Portuguese settlement and he throws out the suggestion that there be an interport boxing fixture between this Colony and Macao. The matter is obviously

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

A COMMERCIAL TREATY.

Paris, Jan. 20.

The Soviet Minister at Varsovia has made a statement to the Press that Poland and Russia are on the eve of concluding a commercial treaty, Russia having already passed from the thirteenth to the sixth rank so far as trade with Poland is concerned.

M. Laroche, Political Director of Foreign Affairs has been appointed Ambassador to Varsovia.—*Indopacif.*

SYRIAN OUTLOOK.

FRANCE TO RESIST FORCE.

Paris, Jan. 20.

M. De Jouvenel addressed a letter to his Envoy Extraordinary at Jeddah affirming that the extremists have caused the amnesty to be still impossible. France will never agree to the population imposing its will by force, her role being to help them impartially and to organise them.

The information given out by certain foreign agencies of an alleged bombardment of Damascus is entirely false.—*Indopacif.*

EAST AFRICAN FLOODS.

DISASTER IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORY.

Beira, Jan. 20.

Unprecedented rains in the low-lying Portuguese territory between Umtali and Beira have resulted in serious floods, which have caused the complete suspension of train, mail and telegraphic services between Rhodesia and Beira in motor boats. The average rainfall in the district yesterday was five inches.—*Reuter.*

one for the Portuguese community, but nevertheless it is an excellent idea and the Club Lusitano and Club de Recreio might do worse than consider the matter.

The correspondent states that two years ago Mr. F. de Lara Reis endeavoured to bring the young blood of the two Colonies in opposition in all kinds of sport, but it would appear that he was not successful since Hongkong was apathetic and there also appeared to be lack of encouragement in Macao.

He points out that there are interport fixtures between Hongkong and Shanghai and between Hongkong and Malaya, and asks why there should not be similar fixtures between Hongkong and Macao. He adds that they recognise the laurels would go mainly to Hongkong, but suggests that with the increasing enthusiasm which would naturally result in Macao it would not be long before that place could put up a real tussle for the honours.

ADVICE TO NATIONS.

Incidents which occurred at Vienna during the Davis Cup tie between Austria and Ireland have had their sequel in an investigation by the committee which controls the European section of this international lawn tennis competition.

The committee found that the referee (a Swedish gentleman) showed a regrettable lack of control of the match.

The line-umpiring was most inefficient.

The behaviour of one of the Austrian players (Count Ludwig Salm) was most objectionable.

It is recommended by the committee

That in order to maintain the high standard of sportsmanship which has been associated with this competition from the outset, competing nations should exercise the greatest care in the selection of their players, and that any player whose conduct on the court is notorious should not be included.

The inquiry was the result of a report made by the Irish Lawn Tennis Association, based on complaints by their captain, S. F. Seroope, of the general management of the tie.

A CORRECTION.

We are to-day informed that the correct score in the match between the Club 2nd XI and the Hawkins was 7-3 and not 7-1 as published in our yesterday's issue. We are also asked to mention that the Club started with three Indian players, two of whom were replaced by late arriving Club men, and that the Army player mentioned is a member of the Club.

THE LIGHTER ACTION.

HEARING ON THE COUNTER-CLAIM.

In an action continued before Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, in which Chau Yuk-chuen sued the Kwong Fook Kee Slipway Company for wrongful conversion of a lighter which was brought into their yard by a third party (the Po On Company now bankrupt) for repairs, the defendants now proceeded on a counter-claim for \$1,413.45, this being the cost of repairs which they said they had effected to the vessel.

The counter-claim arose from the point raised by his Lordship yesterday whether the defendants had not lost their lien on the vessel when in the liquidation of the Po On Company, the vessel was sold at auction execution of a judgment, warrant and bought by themselves.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs, while the Slipway Company were represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C. (instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ).

Before Mr. Alabaster called evidence in support of the counter-claim, Mr. Jenkin put in his reply, which was to the effect that the plaintiffs denied liability to pay up to about half of the amount alleged to be due or any portion thereof, and furthermore, they denied that the demand was reasonable. They also denied that the lighter was sent to the defendants by anyone as agent, or with the authority of the plaintiffs for contracting the said work to be done on plaintiffs' behalf, and they took the view that the said work under the circumstances was done for and at the expense of the Po On Company, who were charterers of their lighter.

Mr. Alabaster, in opening his case on the counter-claim, said that it was clear now that the plaintiffs authorised the work and it was clear also that the plaintiff had contemplated such work and that it was handed to the Po On Company to be repaired. He chose to remain in the background in this matter. As a matter of fact, it was brought to defendants that the only person they dealt with in the matter was Leung Ho-kin, who was defendant in the original jurisdiction action. It was never served and no judgment was obtained against him. It was defendant's case that they might have thought the Po On Company were the owners of the vessel, because no representations were made to them by the plaintiff at the time. Since the defendants were wrong and that the Po On Company whom defendants had obtained a judgment against, were not the owners, and also that if defendants had sued them they had sued them wrongly, it was left to defendants now to sue the plaintiff for recovery of the cost of work done on the vessel.

Mr. Alabaster went on to quote cases in support of his submission that in the matter the plaintiff was liable for payment of the amount due on the work.

Evidence was brought by Mr. Alabaster touching on the condition of the lighter when it was brought to the defendants' slipway for repairs.

Fung Hoi-wan, who acted as a sort of broker for the slipway Company, said that he had occasion to see the manager of the yard with regard to a steam launch on 5th of April, 1923, and while there he met Leung Ho-kin who told witness that a lighter which belonged to his company (the Po On Company) was about to be sent to the yard for repairs. Leung Ho-kin said that his company had bought it for \$2,200.

Continuing, witness said that he went on board the lighter to inspect it, and found it was without any deck planks or deckhouse. It was in a very untidy state and was filled with water.

Another witness, the assistant foreman of the slipway, also said that the vessel was without a wheelhouse, which had to be constructed by the yard, in the work which it was subsequently called upon to do.

The question of the lien retained by the defendants on the lighter was argued at some length, and his Lordship finally held that this lien did not give the right to the defendants to sell the boat. They might keep it for as long as they liked pending the recovery of the cost for the work.

Mr. Alabaster asked how long they were entitled to hold on to the vessel, for ever? If the vessel, which was in an unseaworthy con-

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dition, should sink, while this lien was still being retained, what would the defendants do?

His Lordship replied that he was not called upon to decide that point.

The Chief Justice dismissed the counterclaim.
The action by the plaintiff for the recovery of damages and loss of profits was then proceeded with, and the hearing is proceeding.

U. S. NAVAL AIR SQUADRON.

ON FLIGHT TO CUBA.

Norfolk, Virginia, Jan. 20.
A naval air squadron departed this morning on a flight to Cuba. The first section to take the air consisted of twenty-three machines.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUMANIAN DEBT.

WILL SETTLE WITH FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 20.
M. Bratiano has returned to Bucharest, and has assured M. Doumer that Rumania is prepared to settle her debt to France.—*Indopacif.*

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB CUP TEAM.

The following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their second Cup final game, with the Royal Navy XV on the Club Ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m.—Armstrong, Easterbrook, Stewart, Lloyd, Lammert, Morrison, Ralph, Forsyth, Ralston, Foster, M. Smith, I. Smith, Leo, Boveridge, and Miller.

OBITUARY.

NOTED CRICKETER DEAD.

London, Jan. 20.
The death is announced of the well-known cricketer, Mr. D. L. A. Jephson.—*Reuter.*

[Jephson, who was 55 years of age, was an old Light Blue, and at one time Captain of the Surrey team. He was one of the greatest of lob bowlers.]

London.—Remnants of London's first water mains, which were of hollowed oak, were unearthed in Red Lion square recently. Experts estimate the wood was laid approximately 300 years ago.

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